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A black and white photograph of an older man with light-colored hair, smiling and looking slightly to his right. He is wearing a dark, textured suit jacket over a white collared shirt and a dark tie with a light-colored circular pattern. The background is out of focus, showing what appears to be a building with a grid-like structure.

A Life of Service

Remembering Coach Finis Horne,
the 'Father of Lander Athletics'

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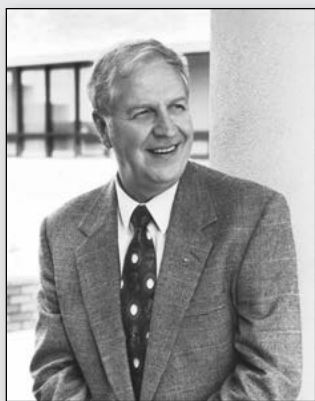
Therapeutic Riders Show Off Their Skills

John Romaine proudly displays a ribbon he won at the Lander Bearcat Therapeutic Riding Program's horse show in May, which drew 18 riders and a large cheering section of family and friends.

Therapeutic riding coordinator Beth Wood said riders demonstrated skills using voice commands and reins to prompt their horses to walk, stop and turn, and hand-eye coordination to complete tasks while riding.

Each rider competed in two events and each went home with at least one ribbon. Mary Weaver, Lander's equestrian team coach, was the judge.

Equestrian Center director Nancy Poston said the show gave contestants the opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned in Lander's therapeutic riding classes. — photo by Dave Lorenzatti



On the Cover

The Lander and Greenwood communities said goodbye to longtime men's basketball coach and athletics director Finis Horne, affectionately known as the "Father of Lander Athletics," who passed away in June at the age of 77. Read more about his contributions to Lander and his impact on the community on page 24 in this issue of Lander Magazine. — Lander University archive photo

A Message from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Once again, in limited space, Lander Magazine highlights a few people, events and accomplishments that fill our campus with pride and continued expectations of Lander University Growing Better!

We are pleased to announce three new degree programs: the Master of Science in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader; an innovative Master of Science in Emergency Management; and our resurrected bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. In addition, our College of Education has received NCATE reaccreditation and a Project CREATE grant.



We congratulate our latest Faculty Award winners, including Distinguished Professor Dr. Lillian Craton, director of Lander's new Honors College. We also welcome and introduce you to Gary McCombs, our new vice president for Business and Administration; and Po Hu, our new dean of International Studies.

Volunteerism is a hallmark of Lander students, faculty and staff ... exceptional, caring individuals. One of my favorite stories in this issue showcases Lander students who have donated their time and talents to Meg's House, which provides emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence.

This past spring, we graduated the largest class in Lander's history, and we also enjoyed a delightful Alumni Weekend. It is always exciting to have alumni on campus, and we continue to take pride in their accomplishments. One of those alumni is Maria Rea Gervais, who is the third Lander graduate in less than three years to be promoted to Brigadier General. You'll read about her in this issue.

There are so many stories to share that bring great joy; however, as with life, there is also news that brings profound sadness. Our great friend and colleague, former coach and athletics director Finis Horne, died this past June. He is sorely missed!

We are also saddened by the passing of Dr. Ernest "Whitey" Lander, the only living grandson of our founder, the Rev. Samuel Lander; and the death of beloved theatre professor and faculty emeritus Dr. Harvey Jeffreys.

This issue of Lander Magazine will reflect on these and other wonderful people and programs.

"Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift." — Regina Brett

Please join us as we all plan our lives, yet continually address the unexpected.

Cordially,

Daniel Ball
President, Lander University

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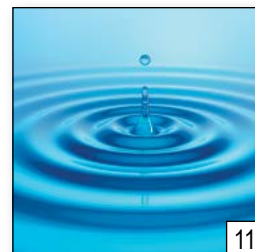
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'O Lander, Hear Our Joyous Song' Alums Return to Campus for Reunion Day

By Russell Martin

In the spring, alumni returned to campus for Lander's 2013 Alumni Reunion Weekend. Events focused on 50th-, 40th- and 30th-year reunions for the classes of 1963, 1973 and 1983. Class of 1988 grads also celebrated a milestone anniversary.

Attendees were treated to a luncheon prepared by Old Main Catering and given updates on Lander's current goals and initiatives. The recipients of the 2013 Alumni Awards were also honored at the gathering.

For information about alumni events, contact Lander's Alumni Affairs Office at 864-388-8351 or visit online at www.lander.edu/goto/alumni.



1. Class of '63

Celebrating their 50th year as Lander graduates were, first row, from left: Frances Johnson Hindman, Lelia Kircus Jones and Jennie Jourdain Keown. Second row, from left: Virginia LeNoir Dubose, Mary Deadwyler Moore, Carol Cliatt Moore, Linda Dorn Polatty and Linda Harter McCaslin. Third row, from left: William Littleton, Carroll Bledsoe, Gene Tolbert and Jerry Lazenby.

2. Class of '73

Enjoying the 40th-year reunion for the Class of '73 were, from left: Phyllis Zeagler Inabinet and Jeff May.

3. Joining the Celebration

Joining the Class of '73 alumni at the reunion was Sandra Calliham McMullen.



4. Alumni Award Winners

The recipients of the Lander Alumni Association's top three awards for 2013 were honored during the reunion luncheon. From left are: Dr. Daniel Ball, Lander president; Angela Strickland, Class of 2002, recipient of the Young Alumni of the Year Award; Don Scott, '75, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award; Linda Dolny, '69, recipient of the Grace Iler Norman Award; and Myra Greene, '78, Lander's director of Alumni Affairs.





5. Class of '83

Members of the Class of '83 reminisced on 30 years as Lander grads. Pictured are, front row, from left: Olgethia Harris Loudon, Paula Moseley and Wayne White. Back row, from left: Chandler Reep Darling, Lamar Scott ('82/84) and Eric Johnson.

6. The Long Road Back

Jerry Lazenby, '63, of Austin, Texas, traveled the farthest distance to attend Alumni Reunion Day.

7. Class of '88

Members of the Class of '88 also returned to campus. Pictured, from left: Candi Cannon, Stephanie Aull Johnson and Karen Kirschner Alex.

8. Years of Lander History

Representing the earliest classes at the luncheon were Williene West Ogburn, left, Class of '43, and Owen Williams, '53.

9. Reminiscing

Before the reunion luncheon, alumni took time to look at photos from Lander's history.

Summer Celebrations

It was truly a "Summer of Fun" for the Lander Alumni Association, whose lineup of events spanned from Greenwood to Columbia to Charleston and beyond. Between Lander on the Road gatherings and annual happenings like SummerFest and the Senior Picnic, the association brought alumni of all ages together for fellowship and enjoyment.

1. BBQ and Memories

An annual tradition at the end of the spring semester, the Senior Picnic, sponsored by the Alumni Association, gave students a chance to chat with fellow seniors, faculty and staff while reminiscing on their time at Lander. — photo by Russell Martin



2. Crossing the Cooper River

After lacing up their running shoes, Lander alumni, students, faculty and staff joined thousands of participants in April for the annual Cooper River Bridge Run in Charleston. Posing with the Bearcat at the Lander Alumni Tent at Marion Square are Liz Dunton, '00, left, and Laura Bentley, '91. — contributed photo



3. Showing Up in Charlotte

In August, the Alumni Association headed to North Carolina for a Lander on the Road stop at Blue Restaurant & Bar in Charlotte. While there, Lander grads, including, from left, Ashley Rescigno Hamilton, '06; Alumni Director Myra Greene, '78; Bettina Feaster, '02; and Cushena Mansell, '08, spent time catching up on each other's lives since graduation. — contributed photo



4. SummerFest at Sproles

Great music, tasty food and lots of fun were the perfect ways to wrap up the summer at the Alumni Association's annual "fun-raiser" in August. "SummerFest at Sproles" featured a live DJ and cookout meal, and alumni hit the dance floor for an evening benefiting the Student Wellness Fund and the Lander Alumni Historic Preservation Fund. Among those in attendance were, from left: Lander first lady Marjorie Ball; Olgethia Loudon, '83/03; and Coris Loudon. — photo by Russell Martin



5. Taking Over the Lanes

Alumni aimed for strikes in August during a fun night at Sparians, a bowling alley/restaurant in midtown Raleigh, N.C. Among those in attendance were, front row, from left: Alex Pethick, '11; Carly Murray, '12; Mary Radford, '79; and Myra Greene, '78. Back row, from left: Bruce Ferrell, '86; Lori Ferrell, '87; Sallie Houlder, '61; Jack James, '71; Jonetta Dorn, '87; and Clayton Dorn, '87. — contributed photo



Join the Tower Club and Connect With Alumni in Your Area

Lander has Tower Clubs located in Charleston, Columbia, Greenwood and the Upstate. Annual membership dues support alumni projects and the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Meetings, projects and social events are planned throughout the year.

For Tower Club information, visit www.lander.edu/goto/towerclub, or contact Alumni Affairs Director Myra Greene at 864-388-8351 or mgreene@lander.edu.

Gervais '87 Serves As Influence for ROTC Students



Maria Rea Gervais, '87, has been promoted to deputy commander of the U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, Ky., and along with the new assignment came a promotion to brigadier general.

Gervais credits Lander with providing the education and basic foundation leading to her success in the military. She was a member of Lander's women's basketball team for two seasons until a high school knee injury recurred, forcing her to quit.

She said basketball taught her the value of teamwork and to make sacrifices necessary to balance the requirements of athletics and her studies. She expressed gratitude to her former coach,

Katrina Sacoco, and her coach's husband, Charles, a Lander faculty member, now retired. "They never stopped believing in me and supporting me."

Gervais is from a military family who settled in Greenwood after her father retired from the Army. "It was the longest time I spent in any one place."

Gervais considered serving in the Army after graduating from Lander with a biology degree, but did not plan to make it a career. "The Army gave our family a good life. My father suggested that if I went into the Army, I should earn a commission."

She took his advice and enrolled in Lander's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) her senior year and, after completing advanced training, she was commissioned in 1987.

Her husband, Lt. Col. Chris Gervais, a 1989 Lander graduate, is a communications officer at Fort Knox, and they have one child, daughter Brandi.

Gervais supervises the more than 2,000 senior Army ROTC and Army Junior ROTC programs, including the Scottish Highlander Battalion, which has units at Lander, and Presbyterian and Newberry colleges. She said, "Key influencers at Lander had a huge impact on my life. Now, I have the opportunity to influence career choices of students enrolled in ROTC." She added, "There is no other place I'd rather be."

A ceremony was held at Fort Knox on Sept. 20 during which Gervais was officially promoted to brigadier general. She is the third Lander graduate in less than three years to pin on the one-star insignia of that rank, following Brigadier General Marie Goff, '78, who became the first female general officer in the history of the S.C. Army National Guard in December of 2010, and Brigadier General James Simpson, '85, who received his star last November.

Makins '81 Gets PSTA Member Service Award



The Palmetto State Teachers Association has honored Lander graduate Dr. Peggy Makins with its Member Service Award.

Makins, a past president and member of PSTA for 13 years, works as a special education instructional coach and administrator at W.A. Perry Middle School in Columbia.

A National Board Certified Teacher and winner of the prestigious Milken Family Educator Award, the Abbeville native has also served on the Lander University Alumni Board.

PSTA executive director Kathy Maness, who recognized Makins at the organization's annual convention in April, praised her as a "wonderful teacher and true professional. She loves kids and goes above and beyond to make every child successful. Education is her passion, and it shows in everything she does."

Makins called winning the award "an honor. To be recognized by a well-respected organization that provides excellent service for others is a humbling experience," she said.

Class Notes are compiled by Debbie Dill, assistant director of Alumni Affairs. Please mail items for Class Notes to Alumni Affairs, CPO Box 6004, Lander University, 320 Stanley Ave., Greenwood, SC 29649, or e-mail items to ddill@lander.edu.

Dr. Norman G. Raiford '66 was honored by Greenville Technical College with the establishment of the Dr. Norman G. Raiford Endowed Scholarship Fund to assist students who are single parents. He was also recognized as the longest-serving faculty member for his 39 years as professor of history and leadership studies. Dr. Raiford was Lander's Alumnus of the Year in 1989.

Dr. Sherry King Basile '73 has a new position as the director of Learning and Development for Tanner Health System in Carrollton, Ga.

Tessa Teague Moore '81 was named Support Employee of the Year at the G.F. Russell Career Center.

Gina Wilson Koon '86 was named Teacher of the Year for Ninety Six Primary School.

Hank Deer '87 has been named the head women's soccer coach for the new Bluff High School in Lexington, S.C.

Andrew Miller '91, Army Chief Warrant Officer Four, has been presented with the Bronze Award of the Order of Saint Michael from the Army Aviation Association of America.

James "Jim" Manley '93 was appointed to the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors.

Jennifer Justice Smith '95 was elected to the board of directors for the Palmetto State Teachers Association.

Margaret Young Bennett '97 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year by Lake Forest Elementary School. Margaret was also a Golden Apple Award recipient in 2011.

Kaye Ramsey Foxworth '97 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for New Prospect Elementary in Inman.

Emmy Doolittle Evans '98 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for Hodges Elementary School.

Leslie Reynolds Blackmon '00 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for Westview Middle School.

Varonica Crawford '01 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for John C. Calhoun Elementary School.

Abby Cantrell '03 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for Springfield Elementary.

Kelcey T. Stevens '03 was named the new boys' basketball coach for Greenwood High School. Kelcey was the coach at Saluda High School.

Lorraine Angelino '05 is the 2013-14 district governor for Rotary International. She presides over 54 Rotary clubs in the western region of South Carolina. Lorraine is a member of the Alumni Association Board.

E. Zachary Helms '07 received a master's in higher education administration from Columbia College. Zach is a Residence Life coordinator in Lander's Housing Office.

Flora McInnis Hobson '07 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for Greenwood High School.

Laura E. Livingston '07 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for Woodfields Elementary.

Sym S. Singh '07 is a new investigator with the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Stephanie Davis Stanley '08 was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year for McCormick Elementary School.

Beth Burnette Eavenson '10 is the new executive director of the Development Authority of Elbert County.

Ashley Wolff Miller '10 received her master's in business administration from North Greenville University this spring.

Tyler South '10, band director at Branchville High School, recently published his first novel, *Project 1228: The Holy Light Files*. The work, a science fiction e-book, is available through Amazon.

Vanessa N. Hill '11 was named Greenwood District 50's 2012 First-Year Teacher of the Year.

Melody Coleman '12 is the new Student Services and Transcript coordinator with Lander University.

Jalysa R. O'Conner '12 received a master's in higher education administration from Columbia College. Jalysa is a Residence Life coordinator in Lander's Housing Office.

Demario L. Watts '12 received his master's in higher education administration from Columbia College. He is a Residence Life coordinator in Lander's Housing Office.

Weddings

Kimberly Kay Holmes '99 and Adam Troy Moody, Costa Rica, March 1. Kim is the director of Health Services at Wesley Commons Retirement Community. They live in Honea Path.

Samantha Gayle Byrd '05 and Maximilian Bradley Mello, Charleston, May 16. Samantha is the Customer Relations manager at Coastal Carolina University. They live in Myrtle Beach.

Margaret Rebecca Holbert '05 and William Tanner Parkman, Due West, May 4. Meg is the Administrative Clinical Research coordinator for Tower Pointe Research Center. They live in Greenwood.

James E. Rowland III '05 and **Cassie Leigh Rinehart '05**, Greenwood, April 27. James is employed by Rowland and Son Logging, and Cassie is the Marketing manager for Len Sieckman State Farm Agency.

Magen Nicole Weyand '08 and Robert Jordan Counts II, Abbeville, Dec. 15. Magen is a teacher with Laurens County District 55. They live in Abbeville.

Gale '00 Gets Celebrity Treatment



Students at Rice Elementary enjoy having their picture made with their principal, Lander graduate Julian Gale. - Contributed photo

Lander graduate Julian Gale's first year as principal of Rice Elementary, in Greenwood, was the subject of a series of articles by Index-Journal reporter Michelle Laxer.

"I'm not one who likes a lot of attention," said Gale, who earned a master's degree in education from Lander in addition to a bachelor's degree in elementary education. "Fortunately, she was very nice, and it did not cause a disruption at school."

An incident that *did* cause a disruption occurred soon after the 2012-13 school year began, when a kindergarten student pulled the fire alarm.

"We realized that no one knew how to turn the alarm off," Gale said. "The fire department showed up and went through the entire building. This was also during lunchtime for the students, which added to the chaos."

Gale now knows the fine points of not only the fire alarm system, but the other systems in the building as well.

Asked to identify the most important thing he's learned about being a principal, Gale said, "You have to build positive relationships. That goes a long way with the students as well as the adults in the building."

Gale began his career as a teacher at the school, named in memory of former principal and Lander graduate Eleanor S. Rice. While he sometimes misses not having his own class, he said, "I now have hundreds of students I consider my own, and I enjoy seeing them every day. Whether at school, Wal-Mart or church, I love hearing students yell out, 'Hey, Mr. Gale.'"

Brett Elizabeth Barbare '09 and James Louis Flowers, Greenville, April 20. Brett is the Guest Service manager for Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown Greenville. They live in Greenville.

Catherine "Katie" Bryant '09 and Travis Wesley Whatley, Ninety Six, Dec. 8. Katie is the Customer Service Relations manager at Countybank and youth leader for St. Paul United Methodist Church. They live in Ninety Six.

Allison Leigh Daniel '09 and Benjamin F. Hammett, Abbeville, April 27. They live in Florida.

Nicholas P. Keely '10 and **Alicia Kay Bailey '10**, Greenwood, Oct. 6. Nick is a Student Testing and Assessment coordinator at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. Alicia is the Community Relations coordinator at Emeritus at Countryside Village. They live in Piedmont.

Brittany Morgan Matthews '10 and Andrew Carlin Bowdler, Saluda, May 25. Brittany is the Loss Control and Human Resource assistant for Mid-Carolina Electric Corp. They live in Saluda.

Granger T. Smith '10 and **Stephanie Lynne Adams '10**, Greenwood, May 18. Granger is employed with Greenwood Municipal Federal Credit Union, and Stephanie is enrolled in pharmacy school at Presbyterian College. They live in Greenwood.

Cameron T. Morgan '11 and **Carson H. Lewis '12**, Greenwood, June 1. Cameron is a manager trainee with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and Carson is the office administrator for Western Carolina Products. They live in Greenville.

Christin Joy Moss '11 and **Michael Leandrew Lowe '13**, Greenwood, June 15. Both will be attending physical therapy school. They live in Greenwood.

Nicholas J. Mountz '11 and **Shannon Rae Lominick '11**, Greenwood, June 8. Nick is a PE teacher with School District 50, and Shannon is employed by Abbeville Area Medical Center. They live in Greenwood.

Andrew C. Lloyd '12 and **Meredith Ellen Milner '12**, Greenwood, April 27. Corey is employed by Lloyd Roofing, and Ellie works with Eaton Corporation. They live in Greenwood.

Ashley Nicole Bartley '13 and Colby Len McDaniel, Ninety Six, May 25. Ashley is employed with Self Regional Healthcare. They live in McCormick.

Ashlee Morgan Mayfield '13 and Zachary Andrew Campbell, Greenwood, May 4. They live in Abbeville.

Able '91 Honored for Community Leadership



Toni Able, executive director for Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods, was one of 34 recipients nationwide of the 2013 President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (PCFSN) Community Leadership Award. Given annually to individuals or organizations that provide or enhance opportunities to engage in sports, physical fitness or nutrition-related programs, the award recognizes those whose work improves the lives of others in their communities.

The President's Council educates and empowers Americans to adopt healthy lifestyles. PCFSN is a committee of volunteer citizens who advise the president through the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Able, who received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education from Lander in 1991, was nominated for the award by Elyse Benson, retired Natural Resources Outreach Specialist-USDA/NRCS and a Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods board member. Benson noted that Able's efforts are widespread in the Greenwood community, stating, "I am awed by the number of lives she touches."

"Toni Able has worked tirelessly to promote the importance of good nutrition throughout the community, through the Greenwood Community Gardening Program," said Shellie Pfohl, executive director of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition.

Mark Warner, director of Relationship Development for Davis & Floyd, Inc., and chair of Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods, said Able "has played a significant role in building capacity in communities and neighborhoods across Greenwood County." He added that, because of the efforts of Able and her volunteers, community gardens have become more prevalent in the Greenwood area, and "many individuals, families and organizations are learning about good nutrition as growers and harvesters." - Information obtained from PCFSN news release

Births

Darren W. Baker '96 and Angie Baker, a daughter, Tabitha Grace, March 15. They live in Manhattan, Kan., where Darren is a pastor.

Jon H. Driggers '98 and **Susan Rountree Driggers '99**, Due West, a daughter, Lauren Diana, June 20. Jon is the associate dean for Campus Life and New Student Programs at Erskine College. Susan is the director of Quality for BOOST, an afterschool program in Greenville.

Ginger McCurry Miller '99 and Chris Miller, Hodges, a son, Reece McCurry Miller, April 8. Reece joins big brother Connor, who is 7.

Tanika Chancellor Dillard '00 and Christopher Dillard, Greenville, a son, Benjamin Evan, April 18. Benjamin joins big brother Ethan, who is 2.

Gianpaolo "Jeep" Bonaca '01 and Riley A. Bonaca, Greenwood, a son, Pierce Cole, April 26. Cole joins big brother Tatum, who is 4.

Karen Bartley Rowland '01 and Bryan Rowland, Simpsonville, a son, Brendan Robert, Dec. 21. Brendan joins big sister Kelsie, who is 3.

Bethanie Adels Constant '02 and Chris Constant, Midlothian, Va., a son, Silas Burke, June 29. Bethanie is the interim director of Development

and Alumni Relations at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Brandon Powell '02 and Crystal Powell, Charlotte, N.C., a son, Houston Thomas, April 24.

Michael How '03 and **Rebecca Elliott How '04**, Ninety Six, a son, Silas Anthony, Feb. 12.

Trent Bell '04 and **Kristin Priester Bell '06**, Columbia, a daughter, Kaylee Nicole, Jan. 29.

Becky Greene '04 and Amanda Greene, Greenwood, a daughter, Lilly Kate, March 12.

Crystal Pryor Goforth '05 and Michael P. Goforth, Clinton, a son, Paul Alan, Jan. 15. Crystal is a secretary for Lucas Avenue Baptist Church in Laurens. Paul joins big sister Christina, who is 3.

Mollie Camp Jackson '05 and Michael Jackson, Greenville, a son, Carson Nehemiah, April 16.

Jonathan A. Schnibben '06 and **April Dunagin Schnibben '05**, Dallas, N.C., a daughter, McKinney, March 14. Jonathan is pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, in Dallas.

Meagan Brown Kuhlman '07 and Dean Christopher Kuhlman, Mt. Pleasant, a son, Colin Jordan, April 14. Meagan is a CPA for SouthCon Building Group LLC.

Lauren Peace Sanders '08 and Brandon Sanders, Anderson, a daughter, Savannah Grace, Nov. 8. Lauren is a Patient Account representative with AnMed HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital.

Alex Smith '09 and **Michele Ballenger Smith '04**, Columbia, a daughter, Scarlet Savannah, July 12. Michele is a drama teacher at Brookland Cayce High School, and Alex is employed by Summit Parkway Middle School.

In Memoriam

Helen Elizabeth Fox '36, Lexington, Feb. 2. Helen was a retired schoolteacher and a member of Lexington United Methodist Church. Surviving are three nephews, a niece and a brother-in-law.

Sara Marvin Bethune '37, Charlotte, N.C., March 3. Sara was an active member of Avondale Presbyterian Church, and she loved knitting. Surviving are three sons, a daughter and nine grandchildren.

Clara Bailey "Tat" Robeson '37, Greenwood, Feb. 5. Clara was a professor of voice at Flora McDonald College and a member of First Presbyterian Church. Surviving are a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Joanna Fletcher Beverly '38, Asheville, N.C., May 27. She was a member of Biltmore Forest Garden Club and Central United Methodist Church. Surviving are a son, a daughter, three grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

Margaret Hemminger Brice '39, McCormick, May 12. Margaret was a member of Willington Presbyterian Church and active in several organizations. Surviving are a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Edith Coggins Phillips '39, Woodruff, March 14. Edith was a member of Bellview Baptist Church and a retired schoolteacher. Surviving are two daughters, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a sister.

Hazel Martin Boleman '40, Townville, April 19. Hazel was a retired schoolteacher and a member of Townville Baptist Church. Surviving are a daughter, a daughter-in-law, four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two brothers.

Miriam Ponder Hall '40, Dacusville, April 20. Miriam was a retired teacher and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Surviving are a son, a grandson, a granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

Willa Walker Bunce Bean '41, Fayetteville, N.C., July 5. She was a retired schoolteacher and served in the Navy as a WAVE. Surviving are a son, a daughter, a stepdaughter, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mildred Platt Gambrell '41, Aiken, June 14. She taught school for a while and was a member of St. John United Methodist Church. Surviving are two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In Memoriam (continued)

Frances "Pan" Edwards Watson '41, Honea Path, March 6. She was a retired schoolteacher and a member of Honea Path First Baptist Church. Surviving are two daughters, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Emma Brice Rush '42, Greenville, May 31. Emma was a member of Augusta Road Baptist Church. Surviving are two sons, a grandson and a great-grandson.

Sarah Walker Williamson '43, Norway, May 2. She was a teacher, homemaker and member of St. John's United Methodist Church. Surviving are her husband, two sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mildred Thompson Davis '44, West Columbia, April 20. Mildred was a member of Northside United Methodist Church. Surviving are two sons, three grandchildren, a great-granddaughter and a sister.

Doris Gregory Whiteford '44, Cross Hill, Jan. 2.

Margie Noffz McBurnett '45, Greenwood, Feb. 6. Margie was a retired legal secretary and a member of Main Street Baptist Church. Surviving are two sons, a granddaughter, three brothers and a sister.

Frankie Holley Stowe '46, Mount Holly, N.C., April 18. She was a math teacher, and she was named Mount Holly Woman of the Year in 1988. Surviving are a daughter and two grandchildren.

Jean Youmans Gantt '50, Summerville, April 18. Jean was program director at Summerville Family YMCA and a member of Summerville Presbyterian Church. Surviving are a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and two brothers.

Frances Bailey Pinson '53, Palatine, Ill., June 2. She enjoyed traveling and volunteering for several organizations. Surviving are three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Barbara Merrill Nickles '62, Charleston, Aug. 31. Barbara helped start the original Charleston Ghost Walks, and she was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her husband, a son, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Lela Cooper Mayer '63, Georgetown, May 23. She was a retired nurse administrator and a member of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church. Surviving are her husband, two sons, four grandchildren and a sister.

Nancy Taylor Hall '65, Greenwood, April 2. Nancy was retired from Piedmont Tech, and she was a member of Greenwood Woman's Club. Surviving are her husband, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Carol Shieder Parker '65, Bonneau, May 13. She was a retired nurse. Surviving are her husband, two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Judith Dunlap Stogner '69, Easley, March 18. Judy was a retired social worker and a member of First Baptist Greenville. Surviving are her husband, brother, nephew and niece.

Dr. Harvey E. Jeffreys Jr., 1925-2013



Professor Emeritus Dr. Harvey E. Jeffreys Jr. died at his home in Greenwood on Sept. 3 at the age of 88. Jeffreys had degrees in science education, psychology and theatre from Florida State University, and taught science courses at several high schools. But it was his introduction to theatre while at a high school in Virginia that sparked an interest leading him to share his love for teaching with an attraction to the stage. He directed dozens of plays and wrote several others. During his 31 years on the Lander faculty, Jeffreys taught speech and theatre and, for nine years, he was chair of the Fine Arts Department. He retired in 1991 but continued to teach part time. In an article in Lander Magazine that summer, he described teaching as a way of life for him and said of his attraction to the theatre, "I had been bitten by the bug." His survivors include his wife, Martha Scott "Scottie" Smith Bedinger Jeffreys; a daughter; a son; and two grandchildren.

Dr. Ernest 'Whitey' Lander Jr., 1915-2013

Dr. Ernest McPherson Lander Jr., the last surviving male grandchild of Lander founder Dr. Samuel Lander, died on Aug. 17, at the age of 97. A native of Calhoun Falls, he was a longtime history professor at Clemson University and served as a Fulbright Lecturer at universities in Calcutta, India, and Lagos, Nigeria. He was also the author of several books and articles on the history of South Carolina. His nickname was "Whitey," and his nephew, James Lander, of Newberry, remembers him with great fondness. "He was one of the most delightful persons I have ever known." He said his uncle had a keen wit and was a loving family man.



Dr. Ernest Lander Jr. posed with his sister, Margaret Lander Scheibler, of Greenwood, at a party in 2012 celebrating her 100th birthday. She graduated from Lander in 1933 and is the last surviving grandchild of Lander's founder, Dr. Samuel Lander.

Georgie Julian Dickerson '71, Pacolet, April 1. She was a retired schoolteacher and a member of Morningside Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband, four sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bruce Terry Bolton '72, Greenwood, Feb. 7. Bruce worked for Greenwood Mills and was a member of West Side Baptist Church. Surviving are his mother, a brother, two aunts, and several nephews and nieces.

William "Franky" Dukes Jr. '77, Ninety Six, April 15. He was retired from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control and was a member of Callie Self Memorial Baptist Church. Surviving are his mother, a sister and a nephew.

James S. "Beetle" Bailey '78, Columbia, July 13. He was a retired State Trooper and a member of Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, a son, a daughter and two brothers.

James "Goose" Goodwin '79, Stanton, Ky., May 24. He was a member of Bowen First Church of God. Surviving are his wife, three sons, two brothers and a sister.

Ridgely Thompson '79, Greenwood, May 16. Ridgely was self-employed, an avid outdoorsman and loved animals. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, a grandson, three brothers, a sister-in-law and four nephews.

Natalie Scott Dandy '80, Edgefield, Jan. 11. Natalie was a retired schoolteacher. She is survived by her daughter.

Robert Craig Worrill '81, Converse, Texas, July 23. Robert resided in Greenwood for many years before moving to the suburbs of San Antonio. Surviving are his wife, two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and a sister.

Marsha Cockrell Rushton '84, Saluda, April 3. She was a retired nurse and a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church. Surviving are her husband, a son, four grandchildren and a sister.

Dennis A. Evans '88, Palm Bay, Fla., passed away in September 2011.

Julie Michelle Croxton '97, Sapphire, N.C., June 24. She is survived by her father, mother and three sisters.

Kathryn "Kate" McMillan Jernigan '03, Greenwood, April 22. Kate was employed by Davis & Floyd as an Environmental Lab Analyst. Surviving are her husband, stepfather, mother, brother, stepbrother, stepsister, three nieces and grandmother.

Ashley Nicole Qualls '09, New Orleans, La., July 9. Surviving are her brother, sister and grandmother.

Sympathy To

Gladys Winchester Turner '54 on the passing of her son-in-law, and **Susan Anderson Billen '78** and **Carol Anderson Wiggins '83** on the passing of their brother, Norman B. Anderson, March 11.

Diana Belk Chase '55 on the passing of her husband, Sawyer Tice Chase, June 11, 2012.

Frances Bolton Reynolds '57 on the passing of her husband, Frank B. Reynolds, May 10.

Valerie Gaillard Lazenby '62 on the passing of her father, and **Jerry Lazenby '63** on the passing of his father-in-law, John Gaillard, Feb. 6.

Thurmond F. Bishop '66 on the passing of his brother, and **Ann Shield Bishop '87** on the passing of her husband, Dr. Walter G. Bishop Jr., June 20.

Elizabeth "Beth" Pinson '68 on the passing of her sister, Eugenia Pinson Shealy, Feb. 12.

Earle W. Brewington Jr. '70 on the passing of his father, and **Teresa Addison Brewington '77** on the passing of her father-in-law, Earl W. Brewington Sr., June 10.

Cathy Gullede Willard '70 and **P. Andrew Gullede '87** on the passing of their mother, Dorothy Gullede, June 9.

Ron Smith '71 on the passing of his mother, Sybil Griffith Smith, Jan. 4.

Kay Smith Stratton '71 on the passing of her father-in-law, Paul Stratton, Feb. 20.

Sherry Watson Toole '72 and **Linda Watson Wiles '73** on the passing of their mother, **Frances Edwards Watson '41**, March 6.

Dan W. Dickerson '75 on the passing of his mother, **Georgie Julian Dickerson '71**, April 1.

Charles R. (Randy) Bouknight '76 and **Gail Anderson Bouknight '76** on the passing of his mother and her mother-in-law, and **Travis A.**

Bouknight '04 and **Allison G. Bouknight '09** on the passing of their grandmother, Merlene S. Bouknight, May 19.

Leonette Bridges Ford '79 on the passing of her sister, and **Kathryn Bannister Evans '04** on the passing of her grandmother, Joyce Bridges Bannister, May 7.

Tad W. Riddle '79 on the passing of his father-in-law, and **Melissa Riddle '08** on the passing of her grandfather, Henry Lamar Franks, March 25.

Steve W. Summer '79 on the passing of his mother-in-law, Ellen Bosler Byrd, May 3.

Beverly Burton '81 on the passing of her mother, Miriam Nichols Burton, April 19.

Cecelia Wilson Shelley '81 on the passing of her father-in-law, Ferrell Edison Shelley, May 5.

The Rev. Gloria Lightsey Lewis '83 on the passing of her father, Lamar Lightsey, April 14.

Alice S. Hahn '84, **Martha Hahn Sorrow '88** and **Carrie Hahn Daniel '87** on the passing of their father, and **Mark S. Sorrow '85** on the passing of his father-in-law, Frederick "Freddie" Hahn, Feb. 5.

Joyce Edwards Brown '86 on the passing of her mother-in-law, Frances Donnan Brown, April 10.

Todd Ramey '86 on the passing of his mother-in-law, Nancy Taylor Hall '65, April 2.

Jayne Behling Pinson '87 on the passing of her mother, and **Julius Pinson '72** on the passing of his mother-in-law, Mary Hill Behling, Feb. 3.

Melony Armstrong Young '94 on the passing of her mother, Kathryn Amick Armstrong, May 21.

Beth Campbell Quick '00 on the passing of her grandfather, John Russell Rinker, March 14.

Stacey Thompson, a past member of Lander's Board of Visitors, and her husband, **Randy Pace '01**, on the passing of her father and his father-in-law, **Ridgely Thompson '79**, May 16.

Gregory S. Brown '09 and **Leah Collier Brown '08** on the passing of his grandmother and her grandmother-in-law, Frances Donnan Brown, April 10.

Hannah J. Gray '12 on the passing of her mother, Beth McCall Gray, July 30.

Genevieve C. Harris '12 on the passing of her grandfather, John B. Harris Jr., April 8.

Sympathy To Faculty/Staff

Jamie Anderson on the passing of her father-in-law, Norman Anderson. Jamie is the administrative assistant in Lander's Department of Physical Sciences.

Jean M. Langrehr on the passing of her husband, Glenn A. Langrehr. Jean is the Classification and Compensation manager in Lander's Office of Human Resources.

Upcoming Alumni Events

October 2013 – May 2014*

- Oct. 8** Tower Club Columbia Fall Social
- Oct. 11** Fall for Lander in Greenville
- Oct. 19** Alumni Association Fall Board Meeting
- Oct. 28** Tower Club Charleston/Lander on the Road Fall Social
- Oct. 30** Lander on the Road: Myrtle Beach/Georgetown
- Nov. 7** Lander Evening Club
- Nov. 12** Tower Club Greenwood Fall Social
- Jan. 9** Lander Evening Club
- Jan. 21** Lander on the Road: Spartanburg
- Jan. 23** Lander on the Road: Anderson/Oconee
- Feb. 3** Lander on the Road: Summerville/N. Charleston
- Feb. 21** Homecoming Alumni Social
- Feb. 22** Homecoming Tailgating and Basketball
- Mar. 6** Lander Evening Club
- Mar. 11** Lander on the Road: Columbia
- Mar. 26** Lander Day at S.C. State House
- Apr. 5** Cooper River Bridge Run Alumni Tent
- Apr. 17** Senior Picnic Hosted by Alumni Association
- May 3** Alumni Day and Awards Lunch

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A Safe Haven

By Dave Lorenzatti



Lander Students Provide Comfort and Support for Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse

For nearly 25 years, Meg's House in Greenwood has been a place where victims of domestic violence have found shelter, understanding and the help they need to rebuild broken lives. Since opening its doors in 1990, Meg's has welcomed Lander students as volunteers working alongside the paid staff, helping women and their dependent children.

Meg's is not named for an individual; its initials stand for McCormick, Edgefield and Greenwood. Over the years, Meg's has had four Lander graduates on its payroll, and there are two remaining: executive director Dr. Alice Hodges and Candace Timmerman, the grants coordinator and coordinator for a Meg's program identified by the acronym GAMES.

Hodges graduated in 2000 from the University Center in Greenville, a former Lander affiliate, and earned a doctorate in human services with a counseling studies specialization at Capella University. She's been associated with Meg's since 1994 and worked there part time while a Lander student.

For Timmerman, who received a political science degree in 2009, her first contact with Meg's came when she accepted a Lander work-study assignment at the agency. She said that experience prompted her to stay on in a full-time position.

Hodges said about 100 women and over 150 children receive services at Meg's each year. They are allowed to remain in the emergency shelter for up to 60 days; they are fed, clothed and provided counseling, including legal advocacy, career planning and more.

Meg's gets its funding from a variety of sources, including federal and state governments, Greenwood-Abbeville and Edgefield United Ways, foundations, businesses, churches, social clubs and individuals, including schoolchildren. In addition to cash, support comes in the form of donated clothing, food, personal care items and toys. Labor and supplies are also donated for many of the repairs and maintenance of its facilities.

Hodges said, "Community support is vital to our mission.

Donated supplies and services allow us to spend money we budget for those items on more-critical needs."

Lander student organizations collect cash donations and supplies for Meg's and, each October, they conduct a weeklong campus observance to focus attention on the staggering scope of domestic violence in South Carolina and nationwide.

Meg's has 14 paid staff; Lander students are among the 100 volunteers who, according to Hodges, donate 500 hours a year to the agency.

Rose Cox, of Greenwood, and Chanique Haynes, of Summerville, who both graduated on April 20, were Lander interns at Meg's. Cox, who majored in English and professional writing, and Haynes, a business major, performed a variety of volunteer jobs. They staffed the crisis telephone line, interacted with children at the shelter, participated in fundraising activities and acted as spokespersons for the agency.

Cox said, "I am very passionate about domestic violence and I felt I could make a difference." She spent about 10 hours a week at Meg's and used her education as a writer to assist clients with journaling to help them develop coping skills.

Haynes said she knows somebody who was a victim of domestic violence. She, too, viewed her internship as a way to help the women and children at Meg's recover from their devastating experiences.

Two other Lander students worked at the shelter during the spring semester: Jade Nathaniel, a freshman nursing student from Columbia, was a volunteer, and Ashley Ferguson, of Walterboro, a junior psychology major, was on a work-study assignment.

Meg's usually has at least one Lander intern each semester. Hodges said while the interns gain valuable work experience, they also add insight to Meg's programs based on their worldview and personal backgrounds.

Top: Malinda Searles, standing, domestic violence counselor and volunteer coordinator at Meg's House in Greenwood, gives instructions to four Lander students who volunteered at the shelter. Seated, from left: Jade Nathaniel, of Columbia; Ashley Ferguson, of Walterboro; Chanique Haynes, of Summerville; and Rose Cox, of Greenwood.

EXPANDING Lander's Academic Palette

New Offerings in Undergraduate and Graduate Areas

By Dave Lorenzatti

Lander is now accepting applications for two new graduate-level degree programs, and, at the same time, the university has introduced a redesigned undergraduate interdisciplinary studies curriculum.

The master's in emergency management has begun accepting students for the spring 2014 semester. The university also recently received approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to offer a master's in nursing, clinical nurse leader, and it too will be ready for a launch in the spring.

Both courses will be offered online and are unique to South Carolina.

Lander worked with the S.C. National Guard to ensure that the emergency management master's curriculum complements the emergency response training that guardsmen receive. The program also includes recommendations from the state Emergency Management Department, other government agencies and industry leaders.



Dr. Charles Stowe

Dr. Charles Stowe, a professor in Lander's School of Management, who proposed and will manage the program, said it covers all aspects of emergency management related to natural and man-made disasters. "The development of educated and trained emergency management leadership in public and private sectors is extremely important to public safety and the security of the state's economic infrastructure."

Dr. Meredith Uttley, chair of the Political and Social Sciences Department, which will host the program, said applicants must have an undergraduate degree such as criminal justice, engineering, business administration, psychology or health care, and be experienced employees or volunteers in some aspect of emergency planning.

The William Preston Turner School of Nursing's first-ever master's program will prepare nurse generalists as clinical leaders in various health care settings.



Dr. Robbie South

Director Dr. Robbie South said, "Nurses who complete the program will qualify for leadership positions in clinical settings, making them accountable for helping improve patient outcomes." She added, "We are very excited about the new program. It's a vision we have had for several years."

Offering the degree online will give nurses flexibility to coordinate their studies with

their work schedules. It also has the potential for attracting students in other states.

Candidates for the program must have a four-year nursing degree and a year of clinical experience, and meet other requirements.

President Daniel Ball said, "The addition of the new master's programs reflects the university's top strategic goal of increasing opportunities for student learning and providing them the knowledge they need to qualify for jobs in existing and emerging markets."

The university offers three other graduate degrees: Master of Art in Teaching in Art Education; Master of Education in Montessori Education; and Master of Education in Teaching and Learning, with a variety of concentrations.

Lander has also introduced a program allowing students to take courses from two or more fields of study to meet their career goals. The Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) will provide an academic experience for students whose career interests fall outside of Lander's existing discipline-based programs.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. David Mash said IDS is also for students who want a liberal arts degree but have a sophisticated level of interests. "It would provide them a program of study that is a foundation for graduate school." He added that it could also be of interest to nontraditional students who want to finish their degrees.

Mash said IDS is a high-caliber program, which many colleges offer because of demand. He said employers are interested in its graduates because the IDS degree includes a subject emphasis and is not just a random collection of courses.

For example, students could combine courses from business administration, marketing and mass communication to create a curriculum of study suitable for careers in public relations, a degree Lander does not offer.



Dr. Daniel Pardieck

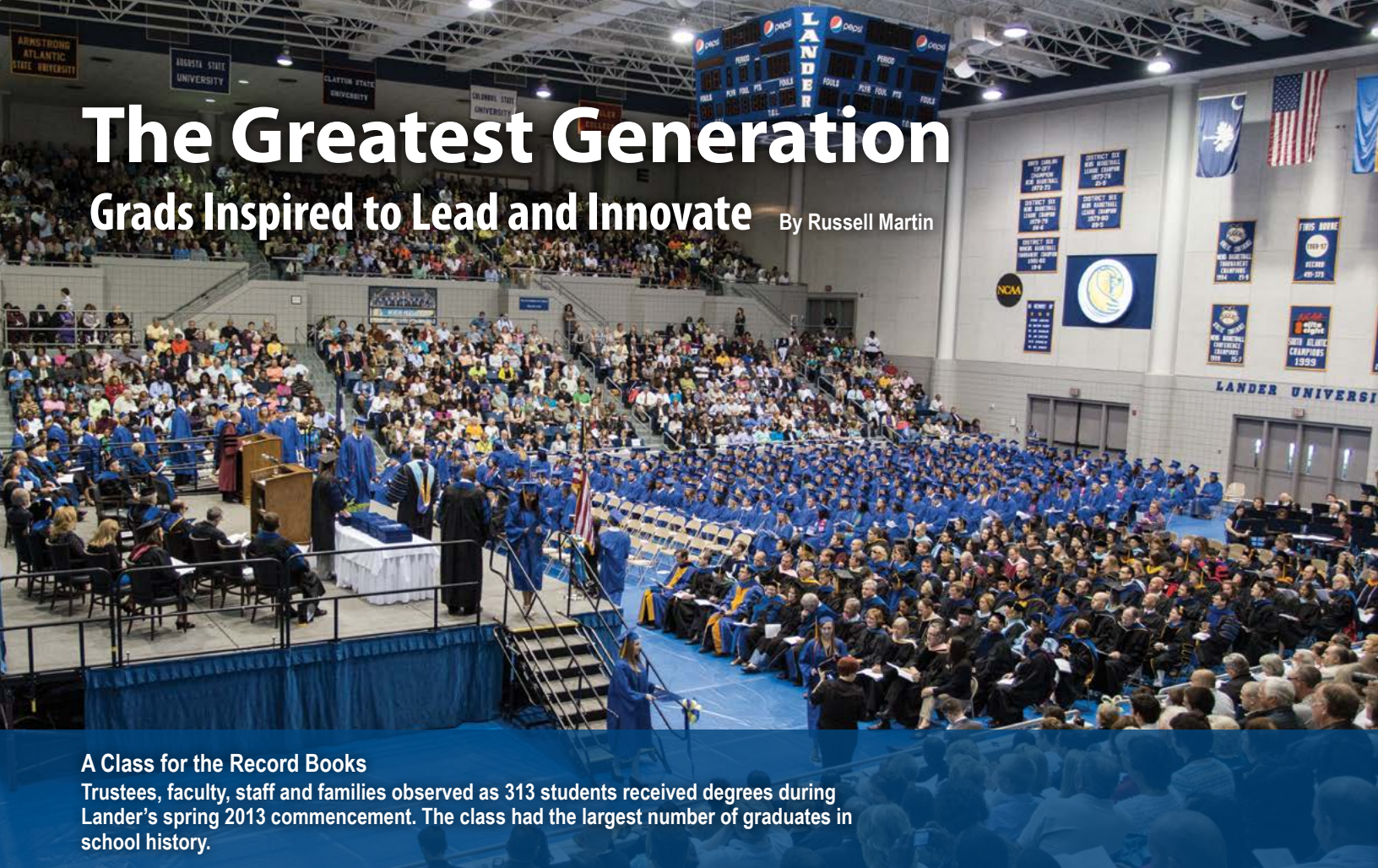
Dr. Daniel Pardieck has been appointed coordinator of IDS. He is associate professor of environmental geology and coordinator of environmental science in Lander's Department of Physical Sciences.

Pardieck will meet with prospective IDS majors to determine what fields of study are appropriate to their interests and career goals. An advisory council, whose members represent each of Lander's four colleges and several departments, oversees the program.

The Greatest Generation

Grads Inspired to Lead and Innovate

By Russell Martin



A Class for the Record Books

Trustees, faculty, staff and families observed as 313 students received degrees during Lander's spring 2013 commencement. The class had the largest number of graduates in school history.



In April, Lander University graduated the largest class in the school's history.

The commencement address was delivered by award-winning South Carolina artist Jim Shore, of York. Shore has created many works of art that can be found in homes across the globe, and he is the top-selling artist-personality on television's QVC Network.

During the ceremony, Shore and John Fulp Jr., owner and president of Vanguard Industries, were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

As Shore concluded his address to the 313 graduates, he said, "I know the greatest generation. I'm standing right in front of them.

"You have the potential to be absolutely great," Shore added. "You will be our dreamers and you will know when to wake up and make that dream a reality. You will be our innovators. You will be our leaders. And I promise you that I will be an enthusiastic and loyal follower."

Distinguished Guests

Middle: Lander President Daniel Ball welcomes the commencement speaker and honorary degree recipients to campus. Pictured, from left, are: Ball; Jim Shore, commencement speaker; Sandy Singletary, Lander assistant professor of art and Shore's daughter; and John Fulp Jr., honorary degree recipient.



Thayer Award

Bottom: Lander officials presented the university's top academic honor, the Thayer Award, for spring 2013 to Rade Robert Musulin, right, of Hilton Head Island. The award is presented on behalf of the family of Dr. Henry K. Thayer to the graduating senior achieving the highest scholastic average, provided that the student has earned at least 60 credit hours at Lander and that the student's grade point average is at least 3.75. A Bachelor of Science in Mathematics graduate, Musulin finished his degree with a 4.0. He is working on his Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of South Carolina. Musulin is pictured with university President Daniel Ball.



1. Caring Teachers

Following the ceremony, business graduates celebrated their accomplishments with professors. Pictured, from left, are: Ansley Ripka, of Clover; Rhett Sapough, of Clarkesville, Ga.; Uma Sridharan, professor of finance and international business; Gail Moore, associate professor of business administration; Lauren MacDonald, of Cooper City, Fla.; and Kayla Price, of Abbeville.



2. Honoring Family

Lander faculty and staff have a tradition of presenting diplomas to relatives as they cross the stage during commencement. Keeping with that tradition this year, from left, were: Kimberly Shannon, director of the Wellness Center, and her sister Ashlee Mayfield, of Greenwood, elementary education; and, from right, Katie Engram, Lander admissions counselor, and her sister Anna Finkbeiner, of Greenwood, mass communication and theatre.



3. Proud Lander Mom

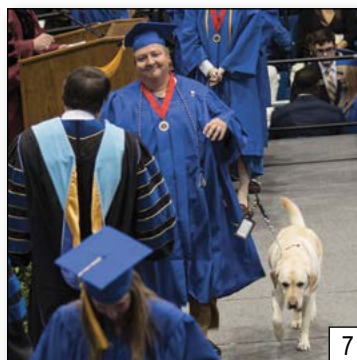
Also joining in the tradition of presenting diplomas to relatives were Cindy Dysart, right, director of Housing and Residence Life, and her daughter Lindsay Dysart, of Greenwood, nursing.

4. The Final Countdown

Each year students have a little time to reminisce before walking to the arena for the ceremony. Pictured, from left, are: Jarmar Jackson, of Clover, business administration; Patrick Floyd, of Columbia, sociology; and Jonathan Smith, of Greenwood, mathematics.

5. Congratulations to Our Staff

This spring, three full-time Lander staff members completed their degrees. Pictured, from left, are: Susan McIntyre, of Abbeville, psychology, College of Arts and Humanities; Dena Gossett, of Greenwood, criminal justice management, University Police; and Sherry Smith, of Honea Path, business administration, Office of Business and Administration.



6. Masters of Education

Graduate students prepare before heading to the ceremony. Pictured, from left, are: April Dickard, of Gaffney; Alissa Shealy, of Greenville; and Sandra Wade, of York, who each earned a Master of Education in Montessori Education degree.

7. Achieving Her Goal

Andi Mills, of Honea Path, English, and her guide dog, Mr. Tibbs, cross the stage as Mills receives her diploma. Mr. Tibbs was by Mills' side throughout her time at the university.

8. Future Nurses

Nursing majors met outside of the Learning Center to pose for photos and start their goodbyes before walking to the arena for graduation.



Spanning the Globe

International Studies' Tale of Continuing Interest and Success

By Dave Lorenzatti



Chemistry major Betsy Gibson, left, of Lexington, and Morgan Wingler, a mass communication major from Boiling Springs, stand outside Westminster Abbey in London. They spent the spring study abroad semester at the University of Winchester, in England.



Students pose outside Iona Abbey, one of Scotland's most historic and sacred sites. Drs. Lillian Craton, associate professor of English, and Lucas McMillan, assistant professor of political science, led the literature and politics study tour.

Study Abroad Programs

Lander students and faculty continue to accumulate frequent flyer miles, embracing opportunities to study at locations around the world.

DeWitt Stone, director of Lander's Study Abroad Program, said six students are spending their fall semester at the University of Winchester in England: English major Mellissa Elledge, of Ware Shoals; education majors Olivia Gay, of Pawleys Island, Hollis Kimbrell, of Rock Hill, and Victoria Richards, of Elgin; psychology major Devin Reid, of Rock Hill; and political science major Kimberly Modica, of Waterloo. This brings to 59 the number of Lander students who have studied at Winchester since 2005.

Four other students are enrolled in newly arranged fall semesters abroad. Cody Beard, a music major from Greenwood, is studying at Salzburg College in Salzburg, Austria; Spanish major Nancy Luna, of Walhalla, is at Universidad del Pacifico in Santiago, Chile; Mary Robinson, of West Union, who is also a Spanish major, is at EXCEL Spanish Language Center in Cusco, Peru; and Lauren Shiflet, of Greenwood, whose minor is French, is studying at Institut Européen de Français in Montpellier, France.

Study Tours

Stone said 13 faculty members led 67 students on study tours during the spring and summer.

In March, assistant professor of theatre Jennifer Sansfacon and English and foreign languages adjunct faculty member Lauren Woolbright accompanied eight students to London for a British literature study tour.

In May, associate professor of English Lillian Craton and assistant professor of political science Lucas McMillan escorted 18 students on a literature and politics visit to England, Scotland and Ireland.

Assistant professor of psychology Mandy Cleveland, professor emeritus of history Jean Paquette and six students toured regions in Germany and Austria that figured into the history of Nazism during World War II.

Professor of Spanish Carlos Mentley and two students traveled to Europe for a three-week trek on the historic Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage route to the tomb of St. James in Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain.

Art and art history were the focus of a trip to Italy for 18 students led by assistant professors of art Sandy Singletary and Elizabeth Snipes. They attended a major art conference in Venice and visited Florence and Rome.



Lander students on a spring break literature tour of England get a panoramic view of the British capital from the London Eye, the tallest ferris wheel in Europe. They were escorted by assistant professor of theatre Jennifer Sansfacon and English and foreign languages adjunct faculty member Lauren Woolbright.

Medical Missions

Nine students from Lander's William Preston Turner School of Nursing traveled to Honduras for a Volunteers in Medical Missions trip led by assistant professor of nursing Leslie Myers and nursing instructor Ashley Lee.

Summer Programs

During the summer, four Lander students studied at schools overseas. Psychology major Erika Davis, of Hodges, and Stephen Sanders, an English major from Greenwood, completed the prestigious summer program at Pembroke and Kings Colleges, in Cambridge, England. Nursing majors Kristine Hirt, of Simpsonville, and Andrea Marshall, of Greenwood, studied at Florence University of the Arts in Florence, Italy.

Stone expressed his gratitude to Lander's Study Abroad Committee and to other faculty members for helping students take advantage of opportunities to study at schools overseas. He feels students gain from taking classes with students from host countries and other international students, and from being taught by foreign faculty.

Asian Studies

Lander's Office of International Programs underwent a leadership change in August when Sung-Jae Park retired as dean of International Studies. Park joined Lander in 2010 and, during his three years as dean, he arranged sister-university agreements with 11 schools in South Korea, China and Thailand. He made it possible for Lander students

to study and work in Asia, and for Asian students to study at Lander for a semester or longer. He also created the American Language and Cultural Studies Program, which brings groups of Asian students and faculty to Lander for monthlong learning experiences.

President Daniel Ball appointed Po Hu to succeed Park. Hu comes to Lander from Ball State University where he was director of the Sino-American Dual Degree Program and the China Initiative. He received an undergraduate degree in human resource management in his native China, and he is a doctoral candidate in human resource development at the University of Minnesota.

In March, Lander hosted 18 faculty members and deans of business administration and mass communication technology from Rajamangala University of Phra Nakhon in Bangkok, Thailand. In July, 18 students and one staff member from the University of Incheon, in South Korea, spent a month at Lander. Both groups participated in the American Language and Cultural Studies Program, featuring classes on American business, history, politics, health care and culture. The visitors also shared information about their homelands and cultures with Lander audiences.

Six Lander students traveled to China and Korea in May to study Asian culture and history. They were escorted by assistant professor of business administration Stanley Vinson and associate professor of Spanish Pedro Lopes.

In July, a delegation of Lander faculty members and administrators flew to

Rajamangala University in Thailand for an international conference on technology and innovation. Lander and Rajamangala co-sponsored the event, which was an exchange of research experiences and ideas to strengthen academic cooperation and collaboration. The Thai university paid the Lander delegation's expenses for the trip.

Representing Lander were Lee Vartanian, associate professor of teacher education, who was one of three keynote speakers; Austin Trousdale, assistant professor of biology; Franklin Rausch, assistant professor of history; Ralph Patterson, vice president for University Advancement; and Randy Bouknight, vice president for Student Affairs. Businessman Mett Davis, of Davis & Floyd, in Greenwood, accompanied them.

In August, 27 new Asian students arrived at Lander for the fall semester. Boyoung Roh, coordinator of International Programs, said the students are from Korea and China; some are studying for a Lander degree while others will be enrolled for a year or a semester.

The university also welcomed three visiting scholars from China. Alice Chen, a student affairs counselor at Shanghai Normal University, is assigned to Lander's Student Affairs office, and she will teach a conversational Chinese course in the university's Continuing Education program.

Xingxiong Liu, vice professor of environmental arts at Jiangxi Normal University, and Yihong Shan, associate professor in the college of economics and management at Nanjing Xiaozhuang University, are spending the fall semester auditing classes.



Left: Students from South Korea and China, who are enrolled for the fall semester, worked with Lander Information Technology Services technicians to register their personal laptops and smart phones.

Right: University president Daniel Ball spoke with each of the 18 students from the University of Incheon in Korea when they arrived for Lander's American Language and Cultural Studies Program in July.

Faculty Awards 2013

By Jeff Lagrone



Dr. Lillian Craton poses at the fictional portal to Platform 9 3/4 at King's Cross Station in London, England. The installation is inspired by the passageway characters use in order to board the Hogwarts Express in the acclaimed *Harry Potter* novels by J.K. Rowling.

Students' Choice

Dr. Lillian Craton: Distinguished Professor of the Year

Each year, Lander's Distinguished Professor Selection Committee chooses a winner from a list that includes a nominee from each department and two at-large nominees selected by vote of the student body.

This year's winner, associate professor of English Dr. Lillian Craton, said she was excited to be one of the nominees selected by the students.

"Being recognized by your peers is wonderful, but having the students vote to recognize you is even better," she said.

The Atlanta native, a specialist in 19th century British literature with a Ph.D. from Emory, teaches a wide array of courses, including Romanticism, Victorianism and readings in British literature. She read British author Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* as an 11-year-old and was immediately hooked.

"*Jane Eyre* is and likely always will be my favorite book," she said. "I read it at that perfect moment when you're old enough to understand it on a fairly deep level but young enough to suspend disbelief and inhabit a fictional world completely. I was right about Jane's age at the start of the book, and in my head, I was Jane for that entire summer. My husband gets a little tired of being compared to Mr. Rochester, I'm afraid."

Craton, who is beginning her seventh year at Lander, believes that "empathy is what literature is all about." She relishes the moments when she is successful in getting her students to form a personal connection with the material.

"For me, anything that I teach my students is useless if it does not become part of who they are. For me, the difference between pointless teaching and good teaching is the difference between me rattling off information that may or may not be meaningful to the students, and me demonstrating to the students, showing the students, emphasizing, convincing them that what we are talking about is relevant to *them*."

For some professors of English, the necessity of teaching freshman composition is a bitter pill to swallow, but Craton looks forward to it. "My

freshmen are my children," she said. "I think they can tell that I feel that way about them, that I care very deeply."

She and her colleague, associate professor of English Dr. Renee Love, are working on an edited collection of essays about the freshman experience, *Writing Pathways to Student Success*, which they hope to publish in a year or two.

One of Craton's immediate goals is overseeing the transition between Lander's Honors International Program and its new Honors College, which made its debut this fall.

"That's my new baby," she said, "getting this to a nice, healthy, stable place."

She believes that program changes – which include making foreign travel an option rather than a requirement – will "make Honors more attractive to students and more accessible to a wider variety of students."

Craton, who recently led a study tour to England, Scotland and Ireland with assistant professor of political science Dr. Lucas McMillan, also has a "new-old goal – doing what I can with the new group of students coming in. Each freshman class is sort of a fresh start for me, too, as a teacher."

As a young teacher, Craton tended to see herself as something of a performer. Her approach is different now, she said.

"Part of the struggle that I've had as I've matured as a teacher has been learning to let go of the teacher-centered classroom, even though it means giving up some of the things that are the most fun for me, and turning over more of the control for the discussion and content to the students."

However, she added, "I'm definitely not one of those teachers who will never lecture or never give you my point of view."

Asked what winning the Distinguished Professor of the Year Award means to her, she said, "It's an enormous honor, especially considering the caliber of teaching and research done by my colleagues. It means a lot to be thought of as distinguished in such fine company."

Spreading Sculpting Fever at Lander

Doug McAbee: Young Faculty Teaching Award

Lander assistant professor of art Doug McAbee acknowledges that transforming a sheet of steel, his material of choice, into three-dimensional objects like flowers and insects isn't easy. He believes, however, that it's a very worthwhile thing to do.

"The struggle that results between the artist and the medium teaches the students determination and creative problem solving, and allows them to experience a hard-won success," he said. "When they see that they have accomplished a daunting task with their brains and their muscles, they realize that with hard work, determination and creative thinking, they can do just about anything they try."

McAbee's ability to inspire his students can be seen in the Young Faculty Teaching Award for 2013 that he recently won.

McAbee favors steel not only because of its strength and durability, which make it ideal for outdoor sculpture, but also because it finishes well, allowing him to obtain glossy, smooth surfaces that are aesthetically pleasing. There's an emotional

reason, too, that the Spartanburg native is drawn to steel.

"My dad was a welding teacher, and I grew up welding with him in his metal fabrication shop," he said. "We always had a connection in that we both made things out of steel, and that connection became even more important when he passed away in 2012. Now steel reminds me of him and makes him seem close by."

Associate professor of art Jim Slagle, who chairs Lander's Department of Art, said there were several reasons why he and other members of his department nominated McAbee for the teaching award.

"Doug has a very calm and easy manner that relaxes students," he said. "The difficulties in his area of expertise are plentiful, and Doug is able to manage all hurdles with class and grace. The students visibly gravitate to him when he is teaching his craft. Many have fallen in love with sculpture when they had no interest in it at all when arriving at Lander."



Setting 'An Example of What Good Faculty Should Be'

Dr. Albert Dukes III: Young Faculty Scholar Award

Assistant professor of chemistry Dr. Albert Dukes III, the winner of Lander's Young Faculty Scholar Award for 2013, loves research that's "exciting and engaging and impactful."

The nanocrystal research that he's doing at Lander, where he has taught since earning a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 2011, is a perfect example of what he means.

Nanocrystals – tiny particles 10,000 times smaller than the width of a hair – have shown promise as the light-absorbing layer in solar cells. The Winnsboro native is trying to determine which molecules can be added to nanocrystals to facilitate the extraction of electrons and the generation of electricity.

He believes that nanocrystal-based solar cells – which, unlike traditional solar cells, can absorb many different wavelengths of light – "could become very efficient and make solar power an economically viable alternative to coal for electricity generation."

Dukes and associate professor of chemistry Dr. David Gardner are also investigating the chemical reasons why Mentos candy produces a geyser

when dropped into a bottle of Diet Coke. The demonstration has been performed in high school and college science classes for more than a decade, according to Dukes, but "surprisingly little is known about why it works."

Dukes, who said that bubble formation in soft drinks will be integral to the research, hopes that he and his colleague can develop a model for how bubbles form in sodas. "This information could be useful to the food and beverage industry," he said.

Professor of chemistry Dr. Ralph Layland, who chairs Lander's Department of Physical Sciences, and who is himself collaborating with Dukes in developing new methods of synthesizing semiconductor nanocrystals, commended Dukes for "giving his students the opportunity to be scientists working in a lab."

Layland also praised Dukes, who teaches a broad array of chemistry courses, for being "a great teacher. His dedication to Lander and his profession is always reflected in his student evaluations. Albert sets an example of what good faculty should be."



Auld Lang Syne: Best Wishes to Lander Retirees

By Dave Lorenzatti

Mike Runyan

Associate Professor of Biology – 39 years of service



Both Mike Runyan and his passion for biology were born in Nigeria, where his father was a missionary and where Mike grew up. He entered college as a pre-med student but switched to biology, earning bachelor's and graduate degrees at the University of South Carolina.

He taught primarily freshman nonbiology majors who would go into other careers that, he said, could have a major impact on society's view of

science in general. Botany was another of the courses he taught.

Then there is his lifelong interest in snakes. "I'm a frustrated herpetologist," he said. He kept about 30 snakes, using them mostly in community lectures. He also conducted research that taught him a lot about reptiles.

The former Biology Department chair said of his teaching career, "It was thrilling to be able to explain to students what they didn't understand before."

Runyan and his wife, Deborah, a retired Lander biology lecturer, plan to travel and, he admits, he'll be on the lookout for various snake species along the way.

William V. Poston Jr.

Instructor of English – 13 ½ years of service



Asked about his decision to become a teacher, Bill Poston says, "It's the best thing I ever did. The best thing was being in a classroom."

He taught writing and inquiry, literature in society and business communications, and he labored to make lessons interesting and show students it was material they could use all their lives. He found it gratifying when it became apparent that students connected with what he was teaching.

Poston said he had been teaching in one form or another since 1988. An active-duty Navy veteran, Poston earned a bachelor's degree in English from Francis Marion University and a master's from Clemson University.

He said his mother, who taught school for 30 years, influenced his decision to become a teacher. She also helped him develop a love for reading.

Poston's wife, Virginia Dumont-Poston, preceded him in retirement. She taught for 19 years in Lander's Department of English and Foreign Languages.



Thirteen members of Lander's faculty and staff retired this year after amassing a combined total of 225 years of service to the university and its students. They took time to look back and share some treasured memories of their experiences at Lander.

Mary Jane Trainor

Instructor of Education – 7 years of service



For Mary Jane Trainor, teaching at Lander was anything but a job. "Between the love for my students, my love for teaching and the collegiality of my co-workers, I consider my time at Lander very gratifying." She enjoyed working with students and sending them out into the world to teach. To be successful, Trainor said, teachers must understand students receive and give information differ-

ently. "Each day is an adventure ... so enjoy the journey."

Trainor received her bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and a master's in education from Clemson University. The courses she taught at Lander included introduction to early childhood education; nutrition, health and safety; and educational psychology.

Her retirement plans include spending more time with her family, especially her granddaughter, Charley. "I intend to enjoy time with family and, who knows, I may try cooking."

Dr. Lewis Walker

Professor of Teacher Education – 6 ½ years of service



Lewis Walker's most gratifying experience at Lander was observing his students in classrooms, as they themselves taught children, and watching them become the teachers they dreamed of being. He also appreciated the family-like atmosphere among Lander's faculty, which he said is often missing in larger schools, and witnessing the professional development of younger

faculty members. "Teaching at any level," he said, "takes talent, skill and abilities that are both natural and learned through hard work."

Walker has a degree in English and religion from Furman University, a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a master's and Ed.D. in education from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College for Teachers.

After closing out his 30-year career in higher education, he now looks forward to ignoring his alarm clock, catching up on reading and listening to music. Walker is, himself, a musician and plays trumpet in Lander's Wind Ensemble.

Walker's wife, Betty, joins him in retirement after 5 ½ years as a cashier in Lander's Business Office.

Staff Retirements

Three longtime staff members retired during the 2012-13 academic year: Danny Williams, 39 years of service; Bobby Brown, 27 years; and Ray Manley, 25 years.

Danny Williams was a private, shy employee but his supervisors are not bashful in applauding his service to Lander. Williams was a custodian for many years and, before retiring, he worked in the utilities area, which is responsible for moving offices, setting up events and other tasks. Williams said he will miss Lander. "I really enjoyed it because of the people. Everybody is nice." Torry Fuller described Williams as loyal and dependable, while Bill Crenshaw said, "Everybody loved him. We hated to see him go."



Danny Williams



Bobby Brown

Bobby Brown was hired as an electrician in 1974 and, 11 years later, he joined Patrick Harris Hospital in Anderson as director of engineering. He returned to Lander's Physical Plant in 1998, and this summer he retired as maintenance manager. He said the campus has undergone a transformation since 1974, and he was privileged and proud to be part of it.

He said, "Lander is a small school that cares about its students and employees," adding that he will miss the great friendships he developed. In retirement, he plans to devote a lot of time to family activities, hunting and fishing.

When Chief Ray Manley turned in his badge in June, his retirement ended a law enforcement career spanning nearly 50 years.

He joined Lander's police force after 23 years with the Greenwood Police Department, where he served as acting chief in his final year.

Manley began his police work at Lander on a part-time basis in 1976. He accepted a full-time job after retiring from the Greenwood police force and was named Lander's police chief in 2002. He said his only plan after retirement is to keep his options open.

Other retirees included: Kathryn "Kitty" Lewis, Wellness Center, 18 years; Pat Poole, Human Resources, 17 years; Mary Ward, The Bearcat Shop, 16 ½ years; Margaret Pilgrim, Procurement, 8 years; Dana Price, Physical Plant, 6 years; and Betty Walker, Business Office, 5 ½ years.



Ray Manley



Day of the Living Dead at Lander

Thursday, March 28: a sunny and cool midmorning when, without warning, bands of zombies appear, spreading havoc across the campus. Lander's emergency units respond, seizing and isolating the marauding creatures, and rescuing their "victims" and rushing them to where medical treatment awaits.

What appeared to be a scene from a movie was actually part of *Zombie Apocalypse 2013*, a disaster drill to test the effectiveness of the university's response capability. It was the idea of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, whose director, Dr. Ali Khan, said, "If you're well-equipped to deal with a zombie apocalypse, you'll be prepared for any disaster."

Dr. Robbie South, director of Lander's William Preston Turner School of Nursing, said, "It was a fun way to get people's attention." The exercise was meant to test Lander's emergency preparedness with minimal involvement of state public health responders.

The drill included Lander nursing students, many in the role of zombies, complete with grotesque makeup and costumes; Lander police; the Campus Emergency Response Team; Wellness Center staff; and the university's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), part of the Western Piedmont Medical Reserve Corps.

MRC volunteers established a triage area in the Centennial Hall Multipurpose Room, where mock victims were screened and treated with candy "medicine."

South said, "After the drill, we assessed the strengths of our preparedness and areas that might need improvement."



Make-believe zombies roam the Lander campus as part of *Zombie Apocalypse 2013*, a drill to test the university's disaster response capability.

Teaching Life Skills at Lander's Equestrian Center

People who have raised or grown up around horses agree that they are good teachers, offering humans valuable lessons about everyday living. Students in a special education class at Greenwood's Emerald High School have found that out firsthand at Lander's Equestrian Center.

Eight students spent one day a week at the Equestrian Center last fall learning about horses and how to care for them, lessons that they could apply to their personal lives.

Lander therapeutic riding coordinator Beth Wood and therapeutic riding instructor Melissa Palotta created and taught the program, which began with a life-skills horsemanship curriculum. Wood said, "We taught students such things as identifying the parts of a horse, how to groom a horse, what they eat and other lessons the students can relate to their own personal care, nutrition and life skills."

Stacy White, their multigenerational special education teacher at Emerald, said the program boosted each student's self-confidence and social skills. White, a 2008 Lander graduate, said they learned how to interact and communicate with each other and with the horses, giving them commands while riding and listening to directions from instructors. "What they do at the Equestrian Center becomes relevant in the classroom because it helps them with functional skills."

Thanks to a grant from Knights of Columbus Council #7129 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, in Greenwood, the students were able to continue therapeutic riding in the spring. When the program started, only one of them had ever ridden a horse. Now, they all ride.

Lander also received \$20,000 from the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council for the program, thanks to a grant written by Dr. Dava O'Connor, Lander's special education program director. The council approved a second grant to expand the program to special needs students in Ware Shoals School District 51.

Equestrian Center Director Nancy Poston said, "We have been eager to involve the schools and the community in Lander's equestrian program, and the grants will help us do that." She said she hopes other school districts will recognize the program's benefits and choose to become involved.



Students in a special education class at Emerald High School in Greenwood take part in a therapeutic riding exercise on the sensory trail at Lander's Equestrian Center.

Lander Honored for Tree-Planting Tradition

Lander's commitment to planting trees on campus recently earned it a Tree Campus USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Dr. DeWitt Stone, chair of Lander's Arboretum Committee, said, "The designation shows that Lander cares about its leadership in environmental education matters and beautifying the campus."

Stone said the Arboretum Committee and Lander's landscaping personnel plant 40 to 50 trees each year that have educational value for students and faculty.

University President Daniel Ball said, "Lander's proud tradition of existing in harmony with the environment will continue, thanks to the Arboretum Committee and its good work."

Involving students in tree-planting projects is among the foundation's standards. Early this year, Lander's Tri-Beta biology honor society members planted 45 saplings on the banks of a stream on campus, where dead and dying vegetation had been removed.

Lander is one of only six schools in South Carolina and fewer than 200 nationwide to receive a Tree Campus USA designation.



Members of Tri-Beta, Lander's biology honor society, plant saplings on campus, a project that helped the university win designation as a Tree Campus USA.

Equestriennes Trot Away with National Awards

Lander equestrian team members Emma Wolfe and Jennifer Lovvorn came home winners after competing in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association national finals in Harrisburg, Pa., in May.

Wolfe, a junior exercise science major from Greensboro, N.C., finished fourth in the individual novice western horsemanship class and received an honorable mention for individual walk, trot, canter equitation.

Lovvorn, who graduated in April with a biology degree, received an honorable mention in individual walk, trot equitation.

Mary Weaver, coach of the equestrian team since it was formed in 2010, said, "I am very proud of Emma and Jennifer and all the hard work they put in." She added, "It's phenomenal for a young equestrian program like Lander's to send riders to national competition."

They are the second and third Lander equestriennes to compete in the national finals. Nursing graduate Ellison Poston did it in 2011.



Lander equestrian team riders Jennifer Lovvorn, of Greenwood, left, and Emma Wolfe, of Greensboro, N.C., right, pose with their coach, Mary Weaver. Lovvorn and Wolfe won awards at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association national championships in May.

College of Education Receives High Marks in National Accreditation Report

Lander's College of Education has been reaccredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), signifying the college and its programs meet the organization's rigorous standards.

University President Dr. Daniel Ball said he has never seen nor been a part of a teacher education program that received such an outstanding NCATE report. He added, "The work of the leadership and faculty in convincing reviewers that the College of Education is as good as we have always known ourselves to be makes Lander even more distinctive."

College Dean Dr. Judith Neufeld said the accrediting team conducted an onsite review that included one-on-one conversations with faculty, students, local schoolteachers and principals, and

community leaders. In addition, the college had to supply supporting documents covering a three-year period.

Neufeld said, "The review gives us a chance to have outsiders look at our program. We also conduct annual reviews to determine what is working well and what we could improve."

She extended her thanks to Dr. Dava O'Connor, chair of Lander's Department of Teacher Education and professor of special education, for her role in the reaccreditation process. "She did a wonderful job. It would not have happened without her."

Neufeld said, on average, 500 Lander students major in education in the nine university programs that include a teaching component. Between 90 and 100 of them graduate with teaching degrees each year.

Lander Welcomes New Vice President for Business and Administration



Gary McCombs

Gary McCombs, of Mt. Pleasant, was appointed as Lander's new vice president for Business and Administration in June after serving more than six years as a visiting lecturer in the Accounting and Legal Studies Department in the College of Charleston's School of Business. He also spent 13 years as the school's senior vice president for Business Affairs.

McCombs received his bachelor's degree from Clemson University and

a master's in public administration from Valdosta State University, in Georgia.

For 16 years, he worked in Clemson's Business and Finance area as an accountant and later as director of Financial Information and Reporting and director of Business Systems Development.

McCombs was also assistant vice president for Finance and Business at Winthrop University and, later, he joined Valdosta State University as vice president for Business and Finance.

President Daniel Ball said, "Gary McCombs brings many qualities to Lander, including his successful tenure in business and administration at two fine institutions, a substantial history as an accounting faculty member, and knowledge of South Carolina's political and governmental networks."

Ball said in addition to his executive duties, McCombs hopes to serve as an adviser, tutor and mentor to Lander students in accounting and other academic areas.

McCombs said he applied for the Lander position because, while his classroom work was very rewarding, he missed "the excitement and challenges of being part of an institution's executive administrative team."

He added, "I am privileged to have this opportunity to join President Ball and his outstanding management team at Lander as the institution continues in its pursuit of excellence."

McCombs succeeds Thomas Covar, who became interim vice president for Business and Administration in January. Covar, a 1988 Lander graduate, has been with the university since 2006 as director of Financial Services and, before that, he was Lander University's budget director.

CREATE Receives a Reward for Performance



Dr. Dava O'Connor

Lander's Project CREATE will receive a grant of over \$130,000 from the South Carolina Office of Exceptional Children for 2013-14. CREATE, the Centers for the Re-Education and Advancement of Teachers, was founded to address the state's serious shortage of special education teachers by requiring graduates to work as special education teachers in South Carolina for at least three years.

Teacher Education Chair Dr. Dava O'Connor, who also supervises Lander's special education and CREATE programs, said the amount is more than double what the university received in 2006 when it joined the project. She described the increase as a reward. "Grants are based on performance the previous year, and the total determines the number of course awards." The new grant will fund 82 awards.

CREATE provides scholarships to full-time teachers wishing to obtain certification as special education teachers. The program is also for qualified full-time school employees, including nonteaching paraprofessionals who are interested in becoming special education teachers. Ten paraprofessionals, representing six local school districts, are in Lander's program.

Another Opportunity for Lander Students to Live, Work and Learn in Washington



Dr. Chad Kinsella

Since 2010, eight Lander political science and history majors have completed Washington Semester Internships sponsored by the University of South Carolina Honors College.

Next spring, Lander will introduce its own program, enabling students in any major to spend a semester in the nation's capital.

It's called Lander in Washington, and faculty liaison, assistant political science professor Dr. Chad Kinsella, said Lander is working with the Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH) program, which arranges internships for academically qualified students and provides housing for them on Capitol Hill.

Internship possibilities include the White House, FBI, Supreme Court, media outlets and nonprofit organizations, among others.

Students will earn 12 to 15 hours of credit and the cost will be approximately the same as a semester at Lander. Sophomores, juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to apply.

Kinsella described Lander in Washington as an additional program that will be of interest to and attract certain students, making the university more competitive with other schools.

Eddie Briggs Pins on the Badge as Lander's Police Chief

There was a change of leadership in Lander's police department on July 1, when Eddie Briggs was appointed to be the new campus police chief. He succeeds Ray Manley, who retired in June after 25 years of service, 11 years as chief. A veteran of nearly 30 years in law enforcement, Briggs joined the Lander Police Department in 2004 and served under Manley as assistant chief for five years. Before accepting the position at Lander, Briggs served in the Greenwood Police Department as a lieutenant, detective and training officer.



Eddie Briggs, left, congratulates Ray Manley on his retirement as Lander Police chief in June. Briggs was named to succeed Manley as chief a month later.

Lander Trustees Elect New Officers

Attorney Jack Lawrence, of Spartanburg, has been elected chair of the university's Board of Trustees. He succeeds Ray Hunt, of Columbia, who completed two, two-year terms as chair.

Elected vice chair was George Starnes, of Columbia, succeeding Maurice Holloway, of Columbia, who served four years.

Dr. Linda Dolny, of Greenwood, is the board's new secretary, the position formerly held by Jack Lawrence.

The terms of the new officers began with the board's meeting in September.



Jack Lawrence



George Starnes



Dr. Linda Dolny

Students Recognized for Academics, Service

In April, Lander University honored its standout students for scholastic achievement and service during the 2012-13 academic year.

At the annual Academic Awards ceremony, more than 50 students received discipline and special awards from each of the university's four colleges, and 55 students were inducted into Lander's Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society.

Among the students and organizations honored at the Student Life Awards ceremony was business administration major Rhett Sapough, of Clarkesville, Ga., who received the prestigious President's Award, recognizing unique exemplification of the ethic of service to the university community.

The Samuel and Laura Lander Man and Woman of the Year Awards were presented to mass communication and theatre major Ryan Hewitt, of Florence, and business administration major Ashley Vertefeuille, of Archdale, N.C.

Receiving the H. Randall Bouknight Greek Man of the Year Award was elementary education major Lorenzo Myers, of Hampton, and the Greek Woman of the Year Award was presented to Seneca resident Erin Garland, a nursing major.

A full list of 2012-13 Academic and Student Life award recipients can be found online at www.lander.edu/goto/news.



President's Award

Rhett Sapough, right, and Lander President Dr. Daniel Ball



Man and Woman of the Year

Ryan Hewitt, right, and Ashley Vertefeuille



Greek Man and Woman of the Year

Lorenzo Myers, right, and Erin Garland

A Life of Service, an Everlasting Legacy



Finis Horne is congratulated by former Lander players, associates and fans as he enters the Finis Horne Arena for his final home game as the then-Senators' head basketball coach.

Far Left: Horne, seated left, is all smiles in a group photo with Lander's first men's basketball team in 1968.

Left: Coach marks his 400th win in November 1990, following a match against Bryan College in a tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

— Lander University archive photos

Finis Horne, the 'Father of Lander Athletics,' Passes Away

By David Hays

Hundreds of people packed the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Greenwood on June 8 to say goodbye to Coach Finis Horne, who was not only "the father of Lander Athletics," but was just like a father to so many of his former players, other Lander students, colleagues and friends.

Horne died on June 2 at the age of 77.

Born April 26, 1936, in Kentucky, Horne earned an associate of arts degree from Bethel (Ky.) College in 1963, a bachelor's degree in physical education from Campbellsville (Ky.) College in 1966 and a master's in physical education from Western Kentucky University in 1968. He did postgraduate work in counseling at the University of South Carolina.

In the spring of 1968, a young and eager Finis Horne left his home state of Kentucky with a very bold agenda: to start a men's varsity basketball program at then-Lander College, where no organized sports had ever been played.

There was no coach's office, no place to practice, no locker rooms in which to dress or take a shower, nowhere to wash the laundry, no vehicle for a team to ride in and certainly no place to play an actual basketball game.

But Horne took care of those details with help from many in the Greenwood community, to whom he was always grateful, and was soon on his way to building a winning basketball program.

After becoming athletics director in 1971, he began adding other sports to Lander's upstart intercollegiate program. Under his guidance, the program grew to 11 teams, including a 12-time national championship men's tennis program and several other national contenders.

After earning 491 victories in 29 seasons of men's basketball, Horne retired as both coach and athletics director on June 30, 1997. His legacy included a successful dream to build a new arena. The Finis Horne Arena opened in August 1993.

Horne established himself as the winningest active coach in South Carolina and was inducted into the Lander Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 9, 1999. His induction into the South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame came in June 2011.

While a member of the NAIA, Lander won three District 6 regular-season titles under Horne and reached the District 6 tournament championship game five times. He was voted the NAIA District 6 Coach of the Year five times and was the NAIA District 6 Administrator of the Year in 1986.

Following a 21-9 record in the 1993-94 season, Horne was named the Peach Belt Athletic Conference Coach of the Year when the then-Senators won the PBAC Tournament and earned an automatic berth into the NCAA Division II National Tournament. Lander repeated the feat in 1994-95.

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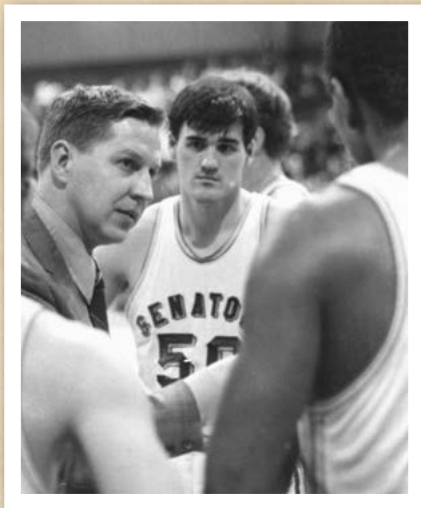


Top: Coach Horne, left center, and the then-Senators celebrate their first Peach Belt Athletic Conference Tournament Championship in 1994.

Middle: Lander received the Palmetto Cup, recognizing the best overall athletic program in NAIA District 6, following the '85-86 season. Pictured with the trophy are Horne, far right, and, from left, Lander coaches and staff that season: Cheryl Bell, athletics secretary; Van Taylor, men's soccer coach; Larry Jackson, Lander president; Katrina Sacoco, women's basketball coach; David Talley, then-sports editor with The (Greenwood) Index-Journal; and Joe Cabri, men's tennis coach.

Bottom Left: The Lander team reviews strategy with Horne, center, and assistant coach Chipper Bagwell, bottom left, during a game in Horne Arena in the mid-1990s.

Bottom Right: Steelwork for Lander's physical education/athletic complex rises in the background as Joe V. Chandler, left, then-chair of the Division of Physical Education and Exercise Studies, and Horne review the facility's plans.



Don Clark, center, one of Lander's first men's basketball signees, listens as Coach Horne instructs his team.



Horne poses under the goal with Jeff May, right, a 1969-73 Lander men's basketball standout who succeeded Horne as athletics director in 1997.



Pictured with Coach Horne are his wife, Dr. Bettie Horne, and twin daughters Nina Horne Peterson, left, and Sabra Horne Keefe.

A Life of Service, an Everlasting Legacy

Horne had a special bond with many of his players, including Clayton Dorn, from nearby McCormick, S.C. Around 15 years ago, as Horne and his wife, Dr. Bettie Horne, were making their "home-going" arrangements, Coach asked Dorn if he would be willing to speak at his funeral service when the time came.

On June 8, 2013, Dorn fulfilled that request. He said Horne reminded him of the children's Bible song regarding Abraham and his many sons. "It's an honor (to be asked to speak at Coach Horne's service) because I know I'm speaking on behalf of many of his sons. ... I am one and you are one, also," Dorn said, as he addressed those in attendance at the funeral, which included dozens of former Lander athletes. "We all looked at Coach as a father."

Dorn talked about Horne's service to others, saying, "When you think about his legacy and how long his legacy will live, the answer is *always*. ... He came to serve and not to be served. He would help anybody at any time. I never heard him say, 'Will you help me with this?' It was always, 'Let's go help someone else.'"

Dorn said he and Coach talked often during, and well after, his playing days.

"It helped me a lot. Coach Horne was the first man that ever said 'I love you' to me. And I love that man. I'm proud that he knew how I felt about him. I knew that every time we talked, it always ended with 'I love you.'"

"Love is the greatest gift, and I got that gift from Coach Horne, and I'm sure you all did, too," Dorn said.

Don "Donnie" Clark was in the group of Horne's first recruits in 1968, and they had a bond that continued until Coach's death. Clark told those at the funeral that Horne had a dream to build the Lander program from scratch, and that he had "a determination to make that dream come true."

After Horne retired, he went to work part-time at the same company as Clark, who enjoyed the time the two spent traveling together, often reminiscing about basketball. In 2002, Clark became seriously ill and needed a liver transplant.

"After five-and-a-half hours of surgery, as I began to come to in that recovery room, one of the people standing at the edge of my bed was Coach Horne," Clark said. "Thirty-eight years after meeting in that high school classroom (during a recruiting visit), he was still standing by me, and I was still important to him."

Clark added, "Coach Horne made a tremendous difference in hundreds and hundreds of lives."

Jeff May, recruited by Horne out of southern Ohio, not only became one of Lander's all-time greatest players, but would succeed Horne as Athletics Director in 1997, a position in which he still serves.

"He was my coach. He was my mentor. He was my friend. He was my family member. He was always there for you when you needed him, and that's a great quality to have," May said.

May made an unusual request of those attending the funeral, asking the members of the congregation to stand if they had been impacted in some way by Horne or his work. As hundreds of people in the sanctuary stood, May replied, "That is what his life was about. His life was about service to others and service to his country, and we love Coach."

Horne is survived by his wife and twin daughters: Nina Horne Peterson, who lives in Oakland, Calif., with her husband, David, and daughter, Emma; and Sabra Keefe, who resides in Washington, D.C., with her husband, John. A U.S. Navy veteran, Horne was a member of the VFW, Kiwanis Club and the Greenwood First Baptist Church.



Back in Familiar Territory

Men's Tennis Returns to Nationals

By Bob Stoner

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he Lander men's tennis team returned to familiar territory during the 2013 season, qualifying for the NCAA Division II National Tournament for the first time since 2003.

For Bearcat head coach Brett Simpson, a 1994 Lander graduate who helped lead the then-Senators to NAIA national championships in 1991 and 1992 and NCAA titles in 1993 and 1994, it was the first time reaching the national tournament since he did it twice while coaching the Anderson College men's team (1997-2005).

Simpson, who was a three-time All-American and one-time Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year at Lander, replaced Hall-of-Famer Joe Cabri in 2005, after Cabri's teams won 12 national titles.

The Bearcats, who finished this season 18-4 overall and 9-1 in the Peach Belt Conference, made their way to the NAAs in dramatic fashion. Dating back to 2008, Lander had lost to Columbus State eight straight times, including being ousted in two PBC Tournaments and two Mid-Atlantic Regionals. In this year's PBC Tournament, it was the Cougars, once again, who defeated Lander in the second round and sent the Bearcats to the consolation bracket, where they defeated Georgia College to earn third place.

After receiving an at-large berth, Lander downed Augusta State, 5-1, in the first round of the NCAA Regional at Columbus State and would face Columbus to see who would advance to the NCAA Tournament's Round of 16 in Surprise, Ariz.



Paul-Henri Arrigoni

Lander took a 2-1 lead when the doubles teams of Adam Jonsson/August Iwdal and Oscar Axelsson/Samuel Poutignat won at the No. 1 and No. 3 positions. By contrast, the Bearcats had trailed CSU, 2-1, in the PBC Tournament after the doubles competition.

In singles play, it was three-time All-American Paul-Henri Arrigoni and Oscar



Adam Jonsson

Axelsson who made the difference. While Vincent Verpeaux and Adam Jonsson repeated their wins at Nos. 2 and 5, Arrigoni turned the table on Olivier Simonet at No. 1 for a 7-5, 5-7, 6-1 victory, while Axelsson did the same at No. 5 with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over Danilo Sardelli.

In Surprise, the No. 9 Bearcats cruised past No. 16 Cameron University in the Round of 16 with a 5-0 victory and advanced to meet No. 6 Concordia (N.Y.) College.

During the regular season, Lander and Concordia were set to meet in Sumter but were rained out. In two previous meetings against the Clippers, the Bearcats lost, 6-3, in 2011, and won, 6-3, in 2012.

Despite taking a 2-1 lead in doubles, Lander was eliminated, 5-2, after it produced just one singles point when Diego Zegarra claimed a straight set victory at No. 6.

The Bearcats, who were ranked No. 7 in the ITA's final poll, earned their fair share of post-season hardware.

Verpeaux earned ITA All-American honors by being ranked No. 18 in the final rankings. In addition, he was named the ITA's Player to Watch and was selected to the All-PBC team. The doubles team of Jonsson and Iwdal were named ITA All-Americans after being ranked No. 7, and were also voted to the All-PBC team. Arrigoni earned a spot on the All-PBC squad in singles.

At the 45th Annual Lander Athletic Banquet, Verpeaux was named the team's Most Valuable Player, Jonsson received the Coach's Award and Academic Award, and Arrigoni the Sportsmanship Award.

The 2013 Lander men's tennis team made their first appearance in the NCAA Division II National Tournament since 2003. Vincent Verpeaux, pictured, who was named the team's Most Valuable Player, earned ITA All-American honors by being ranked No. 18 in the final rankings. — photo by Bob Stoner



Bearcats Continue Success at the Plate

It was another year of firsts for the Lander baseball team, which just seems to get better every year.

Patrick Grady, Dylan Wolchick and Jeff May became the Bearcats' first-ever All-Americans after leading the team to a 35-16 overall record and a spot in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament.

The 35-win season is second only to the 38 victories Lander posted in 2012, when the Bearcats earned their first berth into the NCAA Division II Southeast Tournament. The Bearcats also equaled their highest national ranking, reaching No. 2 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's poll on March 18, with a 21-4 record. They would finish the season at No. 23.

The year was also the first that Lander hosted the Peach Belt Conference Tournament. The top eight PBC teams converged in Greenwood May 8-13 for the double-elimination tournament at Dolny Stadium. Fourth-seeded Lander opened with a 12-3 victory over fifth-seeded UNC Pembroke. Lander followed with a 14-9 loss to eighth-seeded Montevallo, and then was eliminated by UNC Pembroke, 16-11.

Grady, a junior right fielder from Pompano Beach, Fla., was named to the second team on the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-American team and third team on the Daktronics squad. He led the Bearcats in hitting with a .380 average and had six home runs, two triples, 16 doubles, 61 runs scored and 47 RBIs, with 13 stolen bases. He posted .592 slugging and .536 on-base percentages.

Grady, the Lander Male Athlete of the Year and the team's Most Valuable Player, was also named to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll and the PBC baseball All-Academic team.

Wolchick, a junior right-handed pitcher from Margate, Fla., was an honorable mention on the NCBWA team. He posted a 10-1 overall record with a 2.71 ERA and 86 strikeouts in 96.1 innings pitched. His



The Bearcats' 2013 season included 35 wins, a two-week stay at No. 2 in the national rankings and a trip to the PBC Tournament, which Lander hosted in May at Dolny Stadium. — photo by Bob Stoner

10 victories tied a school record for wins in a season.

May, a senior catcher from Stem, N.C., was named honorable mention on the Daktronics team. May batted .375 with eight homers, one triple, 16 doubles, 38 runs and 49 RBIs, and recorded a .625 slugging percentage and a .431 on-base percentage.

Grady is now second on Lander's single-season list in walks (46) and runs scored (61), and his .380 batting average is fifth. Meanwhile, May put his stamp on four all-time career lists, and two for a single season. He finished his three-year career second in sacrifice flies (14), third in doubles (44), fourth in home runs (19), and fifth in RBIs (125). For single season, he is fifth in games played (57 in 2012) and sacrifice flies (6 in 2013). Wolchick's 86 strikeouts this season put him in a tie for fourth on the all-time list.

The trio, which also earned All-Southeast Region honors, was joined on the All-PBC team by second baseman Graham Ramos, shortstop Erik Lunde, outfielder Weston Lawing and pitcher Chess Malone. In addition to Grady's awards at Lander's 45th annual Athletic Banquet, Ryan McNulty received the Academic Award, Wolchick the Most Outstanding Pitcher Award and Lawing the Sportsmanship Award.

Student-Athletes Honored at Athletic Banquet

The Lander University Athletics Department honored its 2012-13 student-athletes in 11 sports and the spirit teams at its 45th Annual Athletics Banquet in April.

Samantha Vickers, a senior elementary education major from Columbia, S.C., received the Dr. Boyce M. Grier Award as the Lander student-athlete who best exemplifies sportsmanship, integrity, pride in the university and a positive attitude. Vickers, a four-year member of the women's soccer team, was a PBC Presidential Honor Roll student and a member of the Lander Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Teresa Caballer Hernani, a freshman from Alicante, Spain, received the Dr. Samuel C. Hodges Award as the Female Athlete of the Year. Hernani, a member of the No. 19-ranked Lander women's golf team, established herself as one of the top players in the history of the PBC. A four-time PBC Player of the Week, Hernani won six tournaments in 2012-13 and had the lowest score per round in the PBC with 73.2 strokes per round. She set the Lander school record for low round with a 6-under-par 66 at the Lander Bearcat Invitational and recorded seven other subpar rounds during the season.

Patrick Grady, a junior biology major from Pompano Beach, Fla., and a member of the baseball team, received the M.V. Wells Award as



From left: Samantha Vickers, Dr. Boyce M. Grier Award; Patrick Grady, Male Athlete of the Year; and Teresa Caballer Hernani, Female Athlete of the Year. — photo by Bob Stoner

the Male Athlete of the Year. Grady was named to the 2012 All-PBC team and the 2013 preseason All-PBC team. During the season, he was named the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's Southeast Region Player of the Week and PBC Player of the Week. He led the Bearcats in hitting average (.380), and was also named to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll and PBC baseball All-Academic team.



The 2013 PBC Women's Golf Tournament champions, from left: Coach Chipper Bagwell, Mariana Martins, Michelle Reyes, Teresa Caballer Hernani, Valentina Bueno, Rachel Uremovich and assistant coach Charlie Hoyle.

— photo by Columbus State Sports Information

Lady Bearcats Clinch PBC Tournament

It didn't take long for the Lander women's golf team to make some noise in an otherwise quiet sport. Led by freshman Teresa Caballer Hernani, the second-year Lady Bearcats not only won the 2013 PBC Championship in April at Callaway Garden's Lake View Course in Georgia, but they crushed the competition with a nine-stroke victory.

Hernani, a native of Alicante, Spain, was one of three players to be named co-Players of the Year in the PBC and was also crowned the PBC's Freshman of the Year. She shot an even-par 72 in the first round of the tournament and was tied with UNC Pembroke's Meghan Moore for the first-day lead. However, Moore, one of the co-Players of the Year

along with Armstrong's Kristen Sammarco, edged Hernani, 75-76, on the second and final day to win medalist honors.

During the season, Hernani won a PBC-record six tournaments, placed 12th overall in the NCAA National Tournament – where she qualified as an individual – and was named a WGCA All-American. Lander's Michelle Reyes tied for third overall in the PBC Tournament with a two-day total of 149 (76-73), Rachel Uremovich tied for 11th with 159 (81-78), and Valentina Bueno (83-77) and Mariana Martins (78-82) tied for 15th with 160.

The Lady Bearcats, who placed first or second in eight of their 10 tournaments, scored a low two-day total of 611, and were followed by: 2. Armstrong Atlantic, 620; 3. Flagler, 623; 4. UNC Pembroke, 624; 5. Columbus State, 644; 6. Montevallo, 666; 7. North Georgia, 676; and 8. Young Harris, 810.

Despite the victory, Lander was overlooked for a berth in the NCAA Division II Regional tournament. They finished 19th in the Women's Golf Coaches' Association's final poll.

Lander teed off the season with a four-stroke victory in the eight-team Full Moon Invitational at Calera, Ala., in mid-September. In addition to the PBC Tournament, the Lady Bearcats also won the one-round, 11-team TSYS Collegiate Classic in Columbus, Ga., by one stroke on Feb. 25, then claimed the 14-team Hilton Head Lakes Invitational on March 11-12 by seven strokes.

In Other Sports ...

Men's Golf

Robert Prior, a junior from Surrey, England, led the Lander men's golf team to an eighth-place finish in this year's Peach Belt Conference Tournament. Prior shot a 4-over-par 220 and tied for ninth overall in the three-round tournament.

During the season, Jordan McColl, a senior from Dundee, Scotland, paced the team with a low-round average of 73.88 strokes, followed by Prior at 74.0. McColl posted the low round of the year for Lander with a 6-under-par 66 at the Bearcat Invitational. He and Prior were both named to the All-PBC team. The Bearcats, who had six top-10 finishes, participated in nine tournaments during the season with their highest finish being third at the UNCP/Campbell Oil Classic.

At the Athletic Banquet, McColl was named the team's MVP, while Tanner Robb received the Academic Award, Greg McCullough the Coach's Award and Tucker Nelson the Sportsmanship Award.

Women's Tennis

The Lander women's tennis team went 9-10 overall and 5-8 in the perennially tough Peach Belt Conference. Newcomer Carolina Lainez was one of the top-ranked players in the Southeast Region for most of the season, finishing with a 6-10 singles record, mostly at the No. 1 slot. Lainez was teamed with junior Cayce Bradley in doubles, and they posted an 11-6 mark. Bradley had an 11-5 singles record, while Aihua Rico Martin went 10-9.

Lander earned a spot in the PBC Tournament as the No. 8 seed, but fell to No. 1-ranked top-seeded Armstrong Atlantic, 5-0, in the first round. Clayton State eliminated Lander, 5-2, in the consolation bracket.

At the Athletic Banquet, Bradley received the MVP Award, Lori Flick the Academic Award, Aurelia Ruffat the Sportsmanship Award and Tiffany Vanhpraseuth the Coach's Award.

Softball

A new era in Lander softball began during the 2012-13 season when Tina Plew Whitlock became the program's fifth head coach. Under Whitlock, who came to Lander from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., the Bearcats posted an 18-31 overall record, going 6-16 in the conference.

Senior second baseman Brittney Sheriff, of Belton, S.C., was named to the All-PBC squad for the third time after leading the Bearcats with a .341 batting average to go along with a team-leading six triples, three doubles, 14 RBIs and 14 stolen bases. Sheriff led the conference in triples, was second in total hits (61), fifth in batting average and ninth in stolen bases.

Joining Sheriff on the All-PBC team was freshman Bethany Beggs. A native of Lincolnton, Ga., who played various positions during the season, Beggs was second on the team with a .363 batting average, a team-leading eight home runs, two triples, six doubles, 36 RBIs and 20 stolen bases. She was fifth in the PBC in stolen bases, sixth in total bases (87), eighth in RBIs and hits (543), and ninth in home runs and slugging percentage (.596).

At the Athletic Banquet, Sheriff received the team's MVP Award, Amanda Chastain the Academic Award, Chasity Davis the Coach's Award and Arielle Buchholz the Sportsmanship Award.

At Home in the Lab and the Swamp

By Jeff Lagrone



Lander assistant professor of biology Dr. Kerry Hansknecht scours a swamp near Tampa, Fla., searching for Mangrove Saltmarsh Watersnakes.

— photo by Gregg Lipps

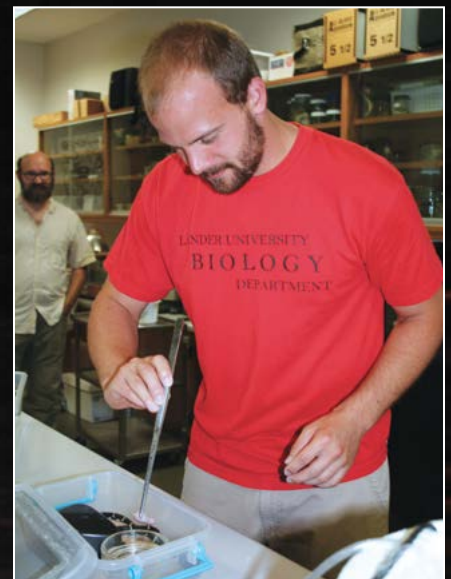


Hansknecht gets better acquainted with one of the objects of his research.

— photos by Jeff Lagrone



The life expectancy of a small fish, when placed into a basin of water with a hungry snake, is short, at best.



Recent Lander graduate Jason Magnuson, who will study aquatic sciences at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse in the fall, feeds a mouse to a king snake.

Dr. Kerry Hansknecht, like Indiana Jones, is a university professor. That's about all the Lander assistant professor of biology has in common with Jones, who was famously afraid of snakes.

"I'm at home in the middle of a mangrove swamp, three miles out in the wild," he said.

Hansknecht, who estimates he has caught between 600 and 700 snakes, lost count a long time ago of how many times he has been bitten.

"Bites will happen," he said. "They're not a big deal, as long as it's a nonvenomous snake. You just clean it up and you're good to go."

Some snakes are more inclined to bite than others, Hansknecht said, and he should know – he has a hundred of them in his research lab on the third floor of the Science Building.

All are watersnakes, except for an unnamed king snake and two Northern Pine Snakes, "Hobbes" and "Susie." Most are either Mangrove Saltmarsh Watersnakes or Gulf Saltmarsh Watersnakes – snakes that use their tongues to attract fish.

Lingual luring, as it's called, was the focus of Hansknecht's Ph.D. work at the University of Tennessee, and he has learned more about the unusual behavior since arriving at Lander, including how it's influenced by variables such as prey density and tongue length.

When it's time to experiment, he gets out a kiddie pool, adds water, fish and one of the watersnakes he keeps in plastic boxes fitted with screens, so the animals can breathe, and prepares to take notes.

"The statistics are not meaningful if you have very little data," he said, and that's why he needs so many snakes.

Maintaining a hundred snakes takes time – and money. The enclosures housing the animals have to be cleaned every other day, a task that Hansknecht has been assisted in for the past 3½ years by recent biology graduate Jason Magnuson. Every Wednesday, Hansknecht goes through 500 goldfish

and 250 guppies, which he gets from Eric's Tropical Pets at a cost of \$90.

It's a cost of doing research that, at present, Hansknecht has to absorb himself.

In the wild, the watersnakes that Hansknecht has made the focus of his research eat mostly sailfin mollies or sheepshead minnows, but Hansknecht said he "couldn't possibly get those in the numbers I need."

Hobbes eats rats, which Hansknecht gets from associate professor of biology Dr. T.D. Maze, who breeds them for use in his neurophysiology research, while Susie and the king snake eat mice.

Snakes, like people, sometimes have attitudes that are less than ideal, but most of Hansknecht's watersnakes seem quite content with their lives as research animals.

"Most of these guys will never bite. They're just not a bitey watersnake," he said.

He requires that his assistants get a tetanus shot, if they need one, just the same.

Hansknecht, who has never been bitten by a venomous snake, called a bite by a Burmese Python the worst he's ever received. "There was a lot of blood," he said.

When handling snakes – in the wild or in captivity – it's best to be as gentle as possible. Hansknecht uses "as light a touch as I can and still maintain control of the animal. I don't want to scare him and have him all freaked out," he said.

Hansknecht was asked if he believes his many encounters with snakes have taught him anything about how they think. "I'd like to think I have some idea of how they're processing information," he said.

People commonly see snakes as more of a menace than they actually are, according to Hansknecht. For instance, many watersnakes are killed by people who confuse them with cottonmouths, a species found only in the lower part of the state.



Lander assistant professor of biology Dr. Kerry Hansknecht poses with Hobbes, his 17-year-old Northern Pine Snake. – photo by Jeff Lagrone

The Upstate is home to three different species of watersnakes, Hansknecht said, and none of them are venomous. While an encounter with a rattlesnake is not beyond the realm of possibility, the venomous snake that people are likeliest to cross paths with is the copperhead, which can be distinguished by its copper-colored head, and by the alternating light with darker cross bands, shaped like hourglasses, that run the length of its body.

Like other snakes, copperheads perform a useful service by keeping rodents in check. Unless they feel threatened, they will usually not attack people.

"There's rarely a reason to kill a snake, really," Hansknecht said.

Hansknecht would like to teach a continuing education class with the focus on identifying and correcting misconceptions about snakes.

"I want people to see they're not mean and nasty creatures. They're awesome," he said.



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Greenwood Fabricating
Greenwood-Lander Performing
Arts
Dianne Lide Gregory
Gunnells Marine
Gwen Bodie Gunnells '83
Richard Haddad
Bellania S. Hales
Sybil Fuller Hall '77
Dennis ('69) & Peggy Cliatt ('69)
Hammett
Becky Barbrey Hamor '65
Fred Hardin
Richard W. Harrison
Todd Harrison
Karen Hartley
Luther & Adele Hawley
James E. Haynes
Carol M. Henderson
John W. Henderson
Kyle Hicks '08
Robert Hicks
Jean Byars Higgins '68
Patricia Evridge Hill
House of Colors
Howard's on Main
Andrea Lane Hubbard
Mac & Holly Hubbard
Yvonne Thomas Hudgens '74
Tommy & Mary Anne Hughston
HUNT Financial Group Inc.
Hunter & Associates
Dr. Ann Hurst
Kirk & Beth Husser
Leisa Weston Myers Igleheart '95
Dru T. James
Richard & Christine Jayne
Jo Ellen Roberts Johnson '60
Kenneth S. Johnson
Robert & Shirley Dawsey ('54)
Johnson
John Johnston
Henry L. Jolly
Mack ('55) & Betty ('61) Jones
Wayne Q. Justesen
Doug & Sally Hill ('75) Kauffmann
Sarah Keenen
Sarah G. Kerr
Yoji Kida '78
Ronnie & Linda C. Kidd
Dr. & Mrs. Sung H. Kim
Rebecca J. Koch
Lakelands Home Builders
Association
Jim ('86) & Jolene Lander
JoAnn Lawing
Mary Lawing
Ashley Holbrooks Lee
Jason Lee '00
Howard Leibowitz
Rowland LeMaster '73
Darryl J. Lesser
Roland & Mildred Lide
Little Heart Entertainment
Lloyd Roofing Company
Bill & Marsha Lloyd
Patricia F. Lloyd
Dave & Maureen Lorenzatti
Pam Sherard Lytch '81
M & M Tire Company (Glenn &
Debrah Miller)

Beverly Watkins Mahon '63
Jim ('93) & Denise Wilson ('89)
Manley
Ray O. Manley
Georgia Culbreth Martin '40
Jim & Suzie Martin
Jennifer Mathis
Matrix Construction Co
Richard & Cheryl Maury
John & Norma McAlhany
Wes McAllister
James F. McCoy '82
James L. McCullough
Barney & Mary McDaniel
McDonald, Patrick, Tinsley,
Baggett & Poston LLP
Carolee McKinstry
Jacqueline Menaker
Kimberly Merkin
Lara Middlebrook '13
Erin Miller '12
John W. Minor
Charles & Alice Moates
Kimberly Pearl Modica
Carol Cliatt Moore '63
Justice James & Mary Deadwyler
(63) Moore
Ramanda Moore '98
Lucretia Moss
Broy S. Moyer
Carolyn Hughes Murph '40
Leslie M. Myers
Audrey Neal '06
Melissa Nelson
Tom Nelson
Klaus & Carol Neubner
Judith Neufeld
Floyd & Mamie Nicholson
Col. James E. Nicholson
Dr. John Nicholson Jr.
Joyce Johnson Nickles '60
Steven Nodine
Senator Billy O'Dell
Gayle Tisdale O'Dell '64
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Lynne Rushton Ouzts '60
David R. Palmer
Dan Panaggio
Hannah Park
William John & Jean Park
May Parkman '57
Gary & Jo Patterson
Lynn & Ralph Patterson
H.D. Payne & Company
Kevin Pederson
Mary Ann Pegram
Frank Phillips & Dr. Wilma Wilson
Reeves Phillips '59
Piggly Wiggly 83
Bob & Hannah White ('94) Poe
Ronnie Polatty
Tim Powell '96
Lee W. ('77) & Karen Hinton ('77)
Prather
Jo Ann Miley Purkerson '60
Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Radford
Bredai Nicole Raffaldt
Paige B. Railey
Wilfred Graham Ramos
Amaris Denice Reeder
Reta Richardson
Mark ('84) & Sheila Riddle
Andrew Risinger '01
Jenny McKesson Risinger '97
Walter & Jackie DeVore ('72) Roark

Sharon Robb
Charles Roberts
Steve ('84) & Dana Roberts
Sadea Hanaa Rodgers
Richard Rose '08
Amanda Rostron
Harriet Cuttino Rusch '58
Bill Sandel
Dr. Juan Santandreu
Elizabeth Eckler Sasser '94
Cathy Bass Sayer '81
Dr. Carol J. Scales
Margaret Lander Scheibler '33
Mo & Nancy Scott
George H. Sease
Shawn Sease
Mike & Susan Shurden
Gajinder & Ritu Singh
Betty Skinner '57
Gary Smith
Roger ('75) & Nancy ('75) Smith
Tara Scerilla Smith
Robbie Madden South
Wayne & Leslie ('86) Southard
Marquise De'von Speaks
Molly Mitchell Spearman '76
Doug Spears
Jeremy Sprouse '96
Brian Schoch State Farm Agency
Jerry Stevens '93
C. Eric Stewart '97
Dr. Robert & Susan McCrickard
(66) Stewart
Charles R. Stowe
Superior Engineering Inc.
Richard Sutton
Kendra Talley
Van ('90) & Elizabeth ('94) Taylor
Alice Taylor-Colbert
Betty Babb Teague '58
Lori Teaken
Fred & Barbara Teeter
Hunter Thompson '08
Marinelle Griffith Thompson '55
Fred Thraillkill '70
Renee Toomer '83
Alan Treeter
Clyde Turbeville
Dr. Meredith Uttley
Velux Greenwood
S. Anne Walker ('72) & David Evans
Bill Waters '85
Octavis Davine Watkins
Erin L. Watters
Mary Hughston Weaver
Rosalind Welder
Jerry Welmaker Jr.
Kimberly Wheeler '10
Larry & Myrna White
Steve & Joan White
Mrs. Martha Whitener
Kayla Williams '12
Mike Williams Jr.
Rose Marie Elzroth Williams '74
Stephane Williams
Richard T. Willing Jr.
Patricia Wirszyła '02
Bill Woodward
Hayne Workman
Barry C. Young '76
Joseph ('85) & Lynn Jenkins ('85)
Young
Mickey ('68) & Elaine Crawford
(68) Young
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Gave/pledged up to \$199

Ronald ('89) & Serita Wakefield ('89) Acker
Elnora Adams '13
Mr. & Mrs. F. Wates Adams
Sharon McMahan Adams '65
Shondrea Adams
Lauren Addy '13
Sandra Adsit
Nancy White Ahmadifar
Karen Aiken '77
Scott Aiken '03
John Alcox '89
Karen Kirschner Alex '88
Darren Alexander '92
Steven Alexander '75
Crystal Alford '06
Farha Ali
Jeremy Allen '08
Alexandra Jade Almers
Simon Aman
Mildred Amick
Amber Mache' Anderson
Bailey Anderson
Brenda Lee Anderson
J.H. Anderson
Kayla Anderson '13
Richard Anderson '13
Ted Andrews
Carl Arena
Brett Weldon Argo
Glenn & Joyce Argo
Ross Armstrong '13
Ann Simmons Arnold '56
Kent & Ashley ('98) Atkins
Charles Austin
Diane Marie Avery
Chris Ayer
Shelby Ayers '13
Bootsie Turner Babb '77
Jimmie Davis Bagwell '58
Alisa Bailey
Olivia Catherine Bair
Jerry Baker
Bal Ballentine
George Ballentine
Leigh Ann Bane
Sara Anne Bane
Glenn Banks '64
Brian ('95) & Suzette Hawkins ('95) Bannister
Bonnie Barbee
Brennen Paul Barber
Christina Barbour '12
Meghan Barfield '13
Chrystal Barker '10
Dorothy Barker
Kenneth Barnes
Lamonte Barnes '95
Keyaira Barrett
Rebecca Barthel
Erica Bartley '12
Lyn Murph Bartley '01
Pam Bartley '98
Brittany Barton '13
Rosalyn Weigle Barton '60
Whitney Barton '13
Jessica Elizabeth Bass
David Bassett
Frederick Bassett
Elizabeth Brown Bateman '10
Denee Battle '13

Lander University Gifts Report

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Annual Type Gifts	\$ 1,265,245.74
Bearcat Club Gifts	124,817.62
Estates	76,376.74
Gifts In-Kind	145,741.89
University Grants	231,000.00
RWS Complex	15,602.04
Total Funds Collected	\$1,858,784.03
Pledges/Matches Outstanding 12/13	2,650.00
Total Gifts to Date	\$1,861,434.03

Kyle Baumis '13
Charles Beaman
Mark Beamis
Cody Alan Beard
Neely Beaty '40
Susan Arnold Beauford '86
Jeffrey Scott Beaver
Virginia Ouzts Becknell '88
Joyce Pearson Bedenbaugh '90
Melissa Ann Bedenbaugh
Tricia Tatman Beiers '91
Amanda Belcher '13
Sharon Belcher
David & Hunter Bell
Douglas Bell
Philip & Libby Bell
Wayne & Tricia ('67) Bell
Charles Bender
Bettina Bennett '06
Judy Bennett
Kristen Rhea Bennett
Chelsea Berry
J.E. Berry
John Berry
Larry Bessinger
Gavin Bethea '90
James Bishop '66
Larry Blackmon '70
Terri Blackwood
Carolyn Blalock
Ruth Blalock
Charlton Blanks
Lindsay Blanton
Tamara Blattner
Carroll Bledsoe '63
Joy Bailey Blind '84
Linda Blum
Dr. & Mrs. Charles B. Bobo
Cora Gunter Bodie '50
Mary Haddon Bolen '70
Liz Roark Bolton '07
Sophia Bonadies
Allison Bond '13
Frances Bond
Carol Bonner
Kathleen Bonvouloir
Cass Booker
Ashley Boone '92
Shirley Booth
Donna Spivey Boozer '67

Brittany Bortle
Vanessa Faith Boseman
Joanna Brady Bost '97
Michael & Sandra Bostic
Jeannine Bolton Botts '54
Joyce McDonald Bouknight '60
Mark Bowen
Tyler Wilson Bowen
Dorothy Anne Bowers '59
Jasmine Bowers
Patsy Martin Bowie '57
Kay Boyce
Miranda Boyle '13
Bradley Scott Brackfield
Claude Bradberry '70
Sarah Elaine Bradley
Brady's Frame & Alignment Service
David Brandt
Joann Brasington
Casey Brattain
Harper Cole Bray
Kim Harper Bray '87
Timothy Chaz Bray
Miriam Stevenson
Breckenridge '55
David Bridges
Kelly Bridges
Mary Jo Carroll Bridges '76
W. Troy Bridges
Tilliry Briggs
LeBron ('82) & Deborah ('03) Bright
Mary Haley Bright
Bob ('88) & Dianne Hartzog ('88) Brimmer
Cody Brock '13
Ruth Botts Brock '52
Lisa Brodhacker
Carroll Brooks
Katrina Brooks '13
Stephen Broome
Sydney Broussard
Camille Brown
Charles Brown
Evelyn Swofford Brown '44
Frank Brown
Holly Coker Brown '52
Jane McTeer Brown '55
Kelsey Ann Brown

Laura M. Brown
Laura Sorrow Brown '97
Monzleishia Brown '13
Nikki Carr Brown '02
Renita Brown
Shaneka Brown '13
Shina Brown
Whitney Mae Brown
Pamela Reid Brownhill '75
Irene Chiles Browning '55
Buffy Harris Bruening '00
Kaylah Bruton '13
Terry J. Bryan '87
Arielle Elizabeth Buchholz
John & Denise Buchholz
Sara Harris Buckles '60
Denita Burdette
Ted Burdette '86
Gus & Jane Burgdorf
Laura Marie Burk
Ed Burkhamer
Jeffrey Burkhamer
Curtis ('78) & Susan ('78) Burnett
Jane Bledsoe Burnett '83
Mary Alice Cox Burnett '57
Sarah Burnett '07
Ginny Styles Burton '02
Russell Burton '01
Laura Busbee
Ann Yonkee Butler
Frank Butler
Megan Burgess Butler '08
Revis Prestone Butler
Travis Butler '12
Kymberlee Byrd '13
Samantha Byrd '05
Kimberly Cade
Heather Swaney Caldwell '08
Jeremy Caldwell '06
Karmarah Donyale Caldwell
Greyson Julius Calhoun
Thomas Call
Maria Calvey '98
Ryan Camak '96
Jennifer Campbell '99
Laneshia Campbell-Alston '12
Holly Canipe '13
Dr. Marvin & Dr. Katherine Davis ('69) Cann
Candi Cannon '88

Greg ('78) & Geneal Gilliam ('78) Cantrell
Claire M. Cappio '01
Kim Carlson
Caroline Carman
C. Mitchell Carnell
Carolina Health Center Inc.
Kenneth & Barbara Stribling ('55) Carr
Linda Carson
Sylvia Holliday Carson '65
Abritta Leanne Carter
Chasity Rashay Carter
Gene Carter '88
Precious Carter '13
Sandra M. Carter
Julie Carullo
Cassel Electric Inc.
Roy Cassell '61
Susan Brady Cassell '81
Charles Cauthen
Santiago Cavanagh
Charles & Barbara Carreon ('85) Chadwell
Rachel Ann Chadwick
April Chaffins
Martha Sligh Chalmers '46
Jessica Lee Chandler
Diana Belk Chase '55
Amanda Lauren Chastain
Kevin Chastain '08
Corbin Childs '12
Robert Otis Childs III '80
Darius Chiles '06
Elizabeth Long Chiles '46
Mary Jo Harrison Christopher '58
Ruthanne Christopher
Barbara Cilento
Caleb ('06) & Hope Jeffcoat ('09) Clark
Elisabeth Elrod Clark '85
Thelma Chiles Clark '49
Anne Tuck Clegg '68
Joel & Abby Cleland
Nancy Clem
Meagan Cleveland '13
Marvin Clift
Bryce Hampton Clifton
Stephen Clifton '93
William Clifton
Adam & Lisa Scott Cline
Wade Cline '98
Jordan Coates '13
Michaela Coats
Bruce Cobb
Clinton ('82) & Beverly Wansley ('79) Cobb
Doug ('94) & Amy Barrett ('86) Cobb
Dr. & Mrs. O.M. Cobb Jr.
Kathy Cochran
Jean Coen '12
James E. Colbert Jr.
Chris Coleman '09
George & Linda Coleman
Lauren Coleman '13
Dominique Coles
Bill & Betsy Collins
James B. Comiskey
Commissioners of Public Works
Dr. & Mrs. DeVore Compton Jr. (Margaret '58)
Kimberly Conner '13
Libby Chastain Connor '77
Breanna Carol Cook

James R. Cook
 Larry Joe & Mary Jo Cook
 Bryan Cooke '82
 Ashle' Nicole Cooper
 Ashton Elizabeth Cooper
 Marie Cooper
 Shannon Cooper
 Lorinda Copeland '86
 Casey Nicole Corbitt
 Anna Corley
 Ed Corley Jr. '80
 Helen O'Brien Corley '41
 Sammy & Ann Carol Wells ('68)
 Corley
 William Corley '76
 Thomas Corrado
 Curtis Couch
 Kendall Couch
 Sara Shirley Couch '48
 Henry ('98) & Dorwoah Tomah
 ('99) Counts
 Jackie Counts
 Taylor Cowan
 Hennie Cox
 Sara Cox-Christie '12
 Rebecca Cox-Davenport
 Bernd Craft
 Anne Craig
 Erin Crane
 Harold Crawford '74
 Sidney Crawford
 Dr. Paul Criswell
 Margaret Crooks
 John D. Crouch Jr. '95
 Robin Crutcher '09
 Katelyn Alexandra Culbertson
 Robert Cumbee
 Jane Hunter Cunningham '54
 Margaret Jordan Cunningham '62
 Sandra Coleman Cunningham '65
 Nira Gunnells Daleda '75
 Marian D'Angelo
 Megan Nicole D'Angelo
 Giles Daniel
 Danny's Trophy Shop
 Matthew Dion Dantzler
 Christi Dasher
 James Davenport '74
 Keri Davey
 Dr. Thwanda L. Davidson '84
 Kristen Davies
 Callie Davis
 Chasity Lashay Davis
 David A. Davis
 Kristen Davis '12
 Laura Lander Davis '78
 Nancy Drake Davis '64
 Peter H. Davis '94
 Sam & Jean Davis
 Stanley Davis '73
 Tommy Davis '74
 David Adam Deal
 Ellyn Deal '12
 Jimmy & Betty Dean
 Jade Deason
 Mary Susan Deaton
 Naomi Degallery
 Van Delacruz
 Joshua Anthony De Leon
 Kevin ('93) & Allison Bellew ('93)
 Dempsey
 Debra Dewey
 Debra Lyons Dill '90
 J. Bowen Dillashaw '64
 Lynn Lominick Dilleshaw '85

Marcie Dills '13
 Joshua Logan Dixon
 Eva Domotoriffy
 Nita Donaldson '98
 Carmen Dooley
 Jane Culbertson Dooling '72
 Eric Merrill Doolittle '79
 Carla L. Dorn
 Clayton ('87) & Jonetta ('87) Dorn
 Gerald & Betty ('74) Dorn
 Henry A. ('75) & Faith P. ('88) Dorn
 Rhonda Burriss Dorn '75
 Charles & Margaret Richter ('61)
 Douglass
 Joyce Dove
 Larry & Nancy Dozier
 Chuck & Anne Drake
 Mary Gay Drake
 Asia Nicole Draper
 Paul Drennan
 Felicia N. Drew
 Virginia LeNoir DuBose '62
 Zach Ducey '07
 Albert Dukes
 Ben ('09) & Sarah Crosby ('07)
 Dukes
 Jeff Duncan
 John Duncan '82
 Larry Duncan '78
 Austin Gregory Dunn
 Gina Poore Dunn '94
 Jeannie Dunn
 Timothy DuPont '01
 Randy Durham
 Jeff & Cindy ('97) Dysart
 Lindsay Dysart '13
 Morgan Eargle
 Anna Elizabeth Earles
 Laura Burnette Eavenson '10
 Lauren Eckerson
 Margie Edmonds
 Karen Edmondson
 Beonka Edwards '13
 Betty Jean Ammons Edwards '60
 Emily Ehrstein
 Ronald Elder
 Gray Ellenberg III '01
 Janice Elliott
 Lindsay Elliott '12
 Dr. Ellen Elmore '87
 Glenise Elmore '97
 Emerald Center Foundation
 Marilyn Emery
 Neka Tyler English '07
 Ashaunta Epps '00
 Merle Henson Ervin '52
 Renea Eshleman
 Ashley Esposito
 Sherwin Estrin '03
 Krista DeAn Etters
 Annie Evans
 Katelynn Evans
 Evening Lander Club
 Beth Faber '84
 Ariel Fair
 Robert Fairfield
 Jeremy Fallaw '03
 Kathryn Cantrell Fallaw '60
 Frank Fanning
 Kelly Lynn Farmer
 Norman & Roxanne Fawcett
 Angela Rodgers Feaster '83
 Emily Feinberg
 Cecily Bradford Ferguson
 Ursula Kaiser Ferguson '79

Portia Fernandez '13
 James E. Ferqueron
 Bruce Ferrell '86
 Matthew Ferrel
 Troy ('03) & Danielle Waldt ('07)
 Fields
 John Finan
 Marion Finch
 W. Eric Finch
 Gina Thompson Fingerlin '83
 Anna Finkbeiner '13
 First Mount Moriah Baptist
 Church
 First Presbyterian Church
 Sofia Fixis
 Larry & Nancy Flanagan
 Debra Adams Flegas '75
 Theresa Fletcher-Lay
 Lori Flick
 Anjelica Sheree Flint
 August Drake Forbes '08
 Richard Ford '71
 Jade Forest
 Heather Bell Fortson '98
 Laura Rankin Foster '84
 Terrika Foster
 Tony Foster '82
 Brenda Fowler
 Hanna Brooke Fowler
 Suzanne Lusk Fowley '95
 Shawn ('97) & Kaye Ramsey ('97)
 Foxworth
 Mr. & Mrs. George S. Franke
 Debra Joe Franks '80
 Kandi Fredere
 Helen Lundy Frederick '59
 Evelyn Forrester Freeland '49
 Mary Freeman
 Pam McLamb Freeman '86
 Hal & Barbara Freese
 Amelia Gunter Fricks '87
 Joe Fromme '94
 Dr. Chris M. Front
 Kimberly Furno
 Ronald ('03) & Marcy Gadagno
 Rebecca Barnhill Gadyr '69
 Anna Elizabeth Gagnon
 Breanna Galbally '13
 Willis Timmons Galliher '52
 Reed Gallo
 Carol Gamble
 Al ('81) & Leigh ('82) Gambrell
 Stacey Dysart Gantt '11
 Jose Garcia '03
 Krista Sullens Garcia '04
 Robert A. Gardiner
 David & Rebecca Gardner
 John Gardner '12
 Tony ('83) & Sandi Garland
 M. Craig Garner
 Scotty Garner '74
 Courtney Garrett '13
 Tasha Garrick '96
 Lanette Garris '13
 Glen Garrison
 Sabrina Garrison '13
 Sandy Garron
 JoBeth Marie Gaston
 Crystal R. Gathers '88
 Donna Gause '06
 Vivian Gaylord '99
 Rachel Geer
 Donna Gelotte
 Paula Georges
 Anna Elizabeth Gibson

Natalie Gibson
 Rebecca Gibson
 Maria Giczewski
 Robert Giczewski
 Barbara Gilbert
 Justin ('08) & Marissa Fatt ('08)
 Gilbert
 Alice Harmon Gilchrist '89/'94
 Jimeria Le'Daycia Gilchrist
 Rob Gilchrist '09
 Mary Evan Giles
 Sherniqwa Gilliland
 Zachary Gilliland
 Brittany Gist '13
 Laura Gist
 Zikeya Octavia Glanton
 Amanda Glawe '13
 Andrew Glover '13
 Phillip Glover
 Elisabeth Godfrey
 Kayla Godfrey
 Allye Godwin
 Eula Sullivan Goforth '41
 Stephen & Catherine Goins
 Lyman ('79) & Carol Camak ('91)
 Golden
 Jerrel ('69) & Linda ('70) Goldman
 Carl Goodwin '82
 Lane Goodwin
 Dr. & Mrs. Richard H. Goodwin Jr.
 Sally Sturgis Gordon '13
 Beverly Jones Gosnell '55
 Heather Ashley Gosnell
 Brooke Gourley '07
 Teresa Graddick
 Margaret Grappone
 Dr. Bill Gray
 Otha Gray
 Alexandria Marie Green
 Melissa Green
 Greenwood Chamber Of
 Commerce
 Greenwood Chiropractic
 Greenwood County Democratic
 Party
 Greenwood Eye Clinic PA
 Greenwood Glass Company
 Frances Greer
 Mia Sloane Greer
 H. Scott Gregory
 Betty Griffin
 Gerald Griffin
 Sandra Griffin
 Bobby & Susan Clegg ('96)
 Grogan
 Jo Garrett Groomes '61
 Tyler David Grubbs
 Andreas Guerke '85
 Thomas J. Guinan '10
 Dawn Morgan Gunter '03
 Tokay Hackett '93
 Jennifer Lynn Hall
 Jordan Wiles Hall
 Dorothy Haltiwanger
 Howard Wayne Haltiwanger
 Emily Hamby '13
 Brent Hamilton '95
 Sarah Hamilton '11
 Karen Hammond
 Rut & Norma Hammond
 Hannah Hammonds '13
 Mary Webb Hamrick '69
 Emily Hanna
 Daniel Hannah
 Christopher Neal Hansen

Kerry Andrew Hansknecht
 Karen S. Hanson
 Chastene McKale Hardy
 Faulkner Harling
 Janice R. Harmon
 Courtney Kanesha Harris
 Daniel Harris '13
 Jim & Joan Bonnette ('56) Harris
 Daniel M. Harrison
 Kaitlyn Harrison
 Frances Anderson Hart '33
 Alyssa Hartley '13
 Brindley Harwell
 Betsy Chewing Hawkins '49
 Ellen Sims Hawkins '88
 Ingo Hawley
 Jasmine Hawthorne
 Leslie Lusk Hawthorne '71
 Wilson ('03) & Jessica Jackson
 ('03) Hawthorne
 Thomas Hay
 Ebony Hayes '13
 Marilyn Kerr Hayes '74
 Stephen ('02) & Leslie Simmons
 ('00) Hayes
 Chanique Haynes '13
 Don Haynes
 Paula Bagwell Haynes '92
 Kirby & Becky Hearn
 Marilyn Heckle
 Sylvia Wood Heironimus '61
 Caroline S. Helms
 Hoyt Hembree
 Elizabeth Hemphill
 Julia Hemphill '96
 David I. ('73) & Betty Jo ('74)
 Henderson
 Lee Hennessey
 Happy Henry
 Bryan Herrold '03
 Tarah Mullinax Herrold '05
 Dawne Ferguson Hershberger '91
 Gregory Herzog
 Lynne Rankin Hester '81
 Ryan Hewitt '13
 Dana Hicks '13
 Kathryn Elizabeth Hicks
 Mary Beth Hicks
 Frank & Wanda Hill
 H. Lewis Hill
 Shannon Smith Hill
 Robert L. Hiller
 Frances Johnson Hindman '63
 Harvey Hines
 Sonny & Norma Hines
 Frank Hinshaw
 Gary Hinton Jr. '97
 Heyward Hinton '11
 Vickie Hiott
 Alexis Lindsay Hipp
 Andrew Hite
 Kiera Hodge '13
 Debbie Lusk Hodges '73
 Roberta Clayton Hoeffcker '45
 Amber Reaves Hoffer '13
 Roy Hokanson
 Georgia Holaus
 Jonathan Bonner Holbert
 Jenna Holcomb '13
 Workman Holdings
 Thomas & Nancy Holland
 Jeffrey Hollifield
 Jon O. Holloway
 Suzy B. Holloway '91

Loyalty Club (continued) Gave/pledged up to \$199

Nathan ('96) & Karen Guynn ('96)
Holman
Genesia M. Holmes
Bettye Campbell Hopkins '54
Delsie Horne
Elaine Austin Horton '65
Kerricus Howard '13
Ifé Hsu '91
J.J. Hudson '97
Richard Huggins Jr.
Barbara Murphy Hughes '51
Christina Helen Hughes
Jeanne Hughston
Joyce Hughston-Andrews
Guyanne Hullender
Elizabeth S. Humphries

Michael R. Hunt
Tristan JoMarya Hunt
Donna C. Huntley
Dianne Rice Hurt '83
Wayne Hurt '84
John C. Husk
Christopher Neil Hyatt
Kimberly Hyatt
Tim ('80) & Marcia Thrift ('81)
Hydrick
Casey L. Hyman
Phyllis Zeagler Inabinet '73
Thomas Ingle '71
Ashlyn Marie Ingram
Interstate Batteries
Iris Garden Club
Evelyn Irwin
Miren ('89) & Diana Bebek ('88)
Ivankovic
Melody Jacks '86

Cadence Davis Jackson
Leslie Eugene Jackson
Richard & Linda Jackson
Jack James '71
Robert Jankouskas
Ellen Jansen
Shevonna Jenkins
Eva Jenkinson
Darrell Johnson
Dean Johnson '85
Donald & Wanda Johnson
Donna Hoffer Johnson
J. Eric Johnson '83
Jesse Gregory Johnson '13
Lauren B. Johnson
N.Y. & Sandra Johnson
Patricia Johnson
Robert G. Johnson
Toi Shanice Johnson
Alma Brooks Young Jones '44

Beth E. Jones
Elizabeth Anne Jones
Jeanie Criminger Jones '69
John Archie Jones
John B. Jones
LeLia Kircus Jones '63
Martha L. Jones
Patsy M. Jones
Rodney Jones '08
Sunshine Jones '96
Andrew T. Joseph
Idotress Joseph
Mary E. Joyner
Donny Justus
Toni Dellinger Justus '96
Tesla Kanning '13
Terry Karro
Tiffanie L. Kay
Karen Keatley
Anna Kathryn Keeling
Billy Keels
Janice M. Kellar
Robert Kelley
Kathryn Laure Kemp
Millie Still Kennedy '67
Jennie Jourdain Keown '63
Laurie Kerhoulas-Brown '91
Perry & Pitsa Kerhoulas
Sandra Kerhoulas-Moser '79
Jeffrey A. Kerr
Kim Brock Kerr '87
Brian Kidd '10
Elizabeth H. Kimbrell
Margaret LeNoir Kinder '69
James Harold King '59
Jasmine D. King
Linda King
Margaret S. King '84
Marilynn King
Phillis Rucker King '65
Chad J. Kinsella
Robert Kinyoun
Erin Kirkpatrick '13
Jean Kirkpatrick
Christopher Damian Knarr
Michael Koone '04
Katelyn Elizabeth Kraft
Corrie Alexandra Kunkle
Angelle LaBorde
William Laforge '13
Dietrich Lake '92
Steve M. Lamb
Gowan ('77) & Betsy Vaughn ('77)
Lancaster
Evangeline Layne Landress '48
Terry Landreth '79
Jarvis Lane '06
Lankford Agency
Robin Lawrence '96
Jeff Lawson '02
Melissa Dawn Lawson
Teri Gunter Lawson '02
Annette Lawton
Dr. Ralph & Erin ('00) Layland
Jerry ('63) & Valerie Gaillard ('62)
Lazenby
Ieshia Leaphart
R. Wayne Lechase
Arnold Leckie
Robert Ledet
Brittany LeAnn Ledford
Isaiah Clarence Lee
Kathy Lee '13
Margaret Derrick Lee '46
Mike ('76) & Linda ('76) Leedy

Legendary Sports
Howard Leibowitz
Barbara Leissner
Daniel & Kimberly Leissner
Hayley Leissner '13
Kegan M. Leissner
Kathleen Lenzini
Martha Faye Leopard
Emilie K. Lesesne
Ernest C. Lewis Jr. '01
Gloria Lightsey Lewis '83
Jeffrey M. Lewis
Nathan Lewis
Ronnie ('74) & Helen ('91) Lewis
Betty Lee Ligon
Stan Ligon
Katisha Limehouse '13
Kiki O'Dell Lindley '94
Bill Littleton '63
D.J. Livernois
Mary Ashton Templeton Lockard
Lauren R. Lockridge
Preston Lollis '57
Shannon Lominick '11
Thomas Londgren
Charles Long '66
John J. Long
Mary Ann Floyd Loos '70
Richard Loper '87
Dennis Lord
Amy Webb Lottes '94
Olgethia Harris Loudon '83
Andrew Love '11
C. Renee Love
Rebecca Ivey Love '87
Hunter Lovvorn '12
Brooke Lowe
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Home Builders Establish New Engineering Scholarship

Students in Lander's dual engineering degree program will benefit from a scholarship established by the Lakelands Home Builders Association, in Greenwood, to provide financial help to students who, after graduating, would have the academic qualifications to support the construction industry in South Carolina.

Lander's College of Science and Mathematics and Clemson University's College of Engineering and Science offer a dual engineering degree. Students are required to complete three years at Lander, where they major in mathematics or computer information systems, followed by two years at Clemson in an engineering field of their choice.

Applicants for the Home Builders scholarship must be residents of Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick or Saluda counties and meet established academic requirements.

Dr. David Slimmer, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, said the scholarship is a big plus for the dual degree program and local

students who might not have an opportunity to complete an engineering degree without the financial assistance the Home Builders Association is providing.



Seated, from left: Dr. David Slimmer, dean of Lander's College of Science and Mathematics; and John Cobb, president of the Home Builders Association. Standing, from left: Johnny Uldrick, '76, association board member and regional vice president of the state organization; and Marion Moore, '79, former president and association fundraising chairman.

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Members of the Epsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity recently made a donation to the LBAN Scholarship Fund in memory of Class of '84 alum James "Curtis" Harkness, a former Lander basketball team captain and fellow fraternity member, who passed away in 2012. Presenting the check to Alumni Affairs Director Myra Greene, '78, center, are chapter members Terry Morse, '84, left, Keeper of Finance, and Al Devlin, '80, Vice-Basileus. "We appreciate the efforts of this fraternity to support our students through scholarships," Greene said.



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Forever Lander Fund: A New Emphasis on Annual Giving

Lander is actively soliciting donors to its annual fund by stressing the importance of contributions to help the university deal with challenges stemming largely from shrinking state financial support. The initiative will also enable Lander to increase scholarship assistance and spare graduates from having to face years of paying off student loans.

It is called the Forever Lander Fund, and the goal is to persuade alumni and friends of the university to make annual contributions to existing scholarships or to create scholarships of their own.

Myra Greene, '78, director of Alumni Affairs, has accepted additional responsibilities as director of Annual Giving and will manage the program. Forever Lander was officially introduced at a donor appreciation event in September at the Jeff May Complex.

Greene said, "Annual giving supports Lander's diverse needs and helps students by strengthening the university's scholarship program." She added that students need financial assistance to avoid the burden of repaying student loans after graduation.

Her point is underscored by the New York Federal Reserve Board, which reported earlier this year that student loan debt has ballooned and is now the largest form of consumer debt, second only to home mortgages. The board said, in addition to diplomas, nearly 90 percent of graduates leave college with outstanding loan balances ranging as high as \$50,000. Another 4 percent of graduates have balances greater than \$100,000.



According to the report, loan repayment has an unfavorable impact on the economy. It said graduates are putting off buying homes and cars or making other large consumer purchases because a significant portion of what they earn goes to pay off student loans.

Greene said it is also a problem for parents who are forced to budget part of the family income to repay loans they took out for their children's college education.

She said contributions to the Forever Lander Fund will allow the university to make more scholarship money available and offer students a quality education while enhancing the value of their degrees.

The goal of the fund is to stimulate a steady flow of donations from alumni and others, persuading them to commit to making annual gifts.

Ralph Patterson, Lander's vice president for University Advancement, said, "We are grateful to our loyal donors who give every year. We have accomplished a great deal with their help, but we need to broaden our base of donors because our students deserve our support."

Greene said there are several options available to donors, including establishing a funded scholarship with an annual gift of as little as \$200.

More information about giving to the Forever Lander Fund can be obtained by contacting Greene at 864-388-8350 or by e-mail at mgreene@lander.edu.

New Scholarships Established for Honors College Students



Jeff Humphrey

The Boedecker Foundation in Boulder, Colo., has established the first scholarships for students in Lander's new Honors College. Ralph Patterson, vice president for University Advancement, described it as a "multiyear agreement that will help grow our endowment and award scholarships to a number of high-achieving students."

George Boedecker Jr., the founder and creative force behind the Crocs footwear company, established and chairs the foundation, which provides funds to organizations in many parts of the U.S. and around the world. Patterson said, "George and the foundation aspire to encourage positive outcomes through programs focused on higher education." Patterson and Boedecker have been friends for many years, their friendship forged in Boulder, where they both grew up.

Jeff Humphrey, a senior executive of the foundation, visited the Lander campus in February and September. He has accepted an appointment to the Board of Trustees of The Lander Foundation, the independent, nonprofit organization responsible for receiving, managing and investing gifts for the welfare of the university.

Patterson said, "We look forward to hosting George Boedecker himself so he can award the Boedecker Honors College Scholarships."



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MEN'S TENNIS MAKES A RETURN TO NATIONALS

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The Lander men's tennis team, which reached the quarterfinals in the NCAA Division II National Tournament, finished the 2013 season ranked No. 7 nationally in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's final poll. Players Vincent Verpeaux, Adam Jonsson and August Iwdal earned All-American honors, and head coach Brett Simpson was named Southeast Region Coach of the Year. Read more about their stellar season on page 27 inside. – Photo by Joe Cabri